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This compilation of the Special Statutes affecting the City of Boston was made in accordance with a request of the Mayor, and the following orders of the City Council, passed March 12, 1892:

*Ordered*, That the Corporation Counsel be authorized to make a new compilation of the statutes relating to the City of Boston, and to spend for clerk-hire and indexing a sum not exceeding \$400, to be charged to the appropriation for incidentals.

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to print and have stereotyped the volume of the special statutes relating to the City of Boston, prepared by the Corporation Counsel, the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

In its arrangement I have followed substantially the plan adopted by Col. E. P. Nettleton in his compilation published in 1885, the principal changes being the insertion of the charter of 1854 in its chronological order, and the omission of the extracts from the Public Statutes. To save expense the stereotype plates of Col. Nettleton's work have been used, and thus I have been led to retain the first two statutes, which, although never formally repealed, are now obsolete, owing to changes in the building laws and the disappearance of porters as a separate class. I have received valuable assistance in the preparation of this compilation and index from William J. McIntyre, Esq., of the Suffolk bar.

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# SPECIAL LAWS

RELATING TO THE

## CITY OF BOSTON.

### 1692-3. — CHAPTER 13.

#### AN ACT FOR BUILDING WITH STONE OR BRICK IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON, AND PREVENTING FIRE.

WHEREAS great desolations and ruines have sundry times happened by fires breaking out in the town of Boston, principally occasioned by reason of the joyning and nearness of the buildings, being mostly of timber and covered with shingle; for the better preventing of such accidents for the future, and damage and loss thereby, —

*Be it ordained and enacted by the Governour, Council and Representatives, convened in General Court or Assembly, and it is enacted by authority of the same:*

[SECTION 1.] That henceforth no dwelling-house, shop, warehouse, barn, stable or any other housing of more than eight feet in length or breadth, and seven feet in heighth, shall be erected and set up in Boston, but of stone or brick, and covered with slate or tyle, unless in particular cases where necessity requires, — being so judged and signified in writing under the hands of the justices and selectmen of the said town, or major part of both, — the governour, with the advice and consent of the council, shall see cause to grant license unto any person to build with timber or cover with shingle. And if any person shall presume to erect, or cause to be erected, any frame or building contrary hereto, upon conviction thereof before two justices of the peace (*quorum unus*), such building shall be deemed a common nuisance; and the owner of such frame or building shall enter into a recognizance to demolish the same, and, in default of entering into such recognizance, shall be committed to prison until he do cause the same to be demolished, or else such building shall be demolished by order of the quarter sessions of the peace within the said county, and the charge thereof to be levied by distress and sale of such offender's goods, by warrant from the court of quarter sessions.

*And it is further ordered and enacted:*

[SECT. 2.] That in all void and unbuilt places which shall hereafter be improved for building, or when at any time any total consumption or desolation shall happen in any street or lane within the said town, it shall be in the power of the justices of the peace of said town then in being, together with the selectmen, or the major part of both, to state and lay out such streets, ways, and passages as may be most for the convenience and accommodation of the place; as also where any desolation has happened, to regulate and enlarge other

Buildings in Boston to be of brick or stone, and covered with slate.  
1871, 280.

Governor and Council to grant license to build with timber, in case, etc.

Penalty for transgressing this act.

Justices and selectmen to lay out streets, etc.  
12 Allen 238.

A jury to ascertain the value of any person's land laid to any street.

Party wall to stand half in the neighbor's ground.  
130 Mass. 317, 321.

narrow and crooked lanes or passages. And where any particular persons shall have their land taken away or lessened thereby, a jury of twelve men shall be appointed by two justices of the peace, and sworn to ascertain the value thereof, to be paid by the person to whose land the same shall be added, or by the neighbourhood or town, in proportion to the benefit or conveniency any shall have thereby. And every person building, as aforesaid, with brick or stone shall have liberty to set half his partition wall in his neighbor's ground so that he leave toothing in the corners of such walls for his neighbour to adjoyn unto, who, when he shall build, such neighbour adjoining shall pay for one half of the said partition wall, so far as it shall be built against.<sup>1</sup> And in case of any difference arising, the selectmen shall have power to appoint meet persons to value the same or lay out the line between such neighbours.

And whereas several houses and other buildings have been erected and set up since the year one thousand six hundred and eighty-eight, contrary to the law made by the general court of the Massachusetts Colony, —

*It is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid :*

[SECT. 3.] That every owner of such house or buildings so set up contrary to said law, shall cause the same to be covered with slate or tyle; or otherwise such houses or buildings shall be deemed a common nuisance, and the owner thereof proceeded against accordingly.

*And be it further enacted and declared by the authority aforesaid :*

Two or three of the chief military officers to order the pulling down or blowing up of houses to stop fire.

Where the fire is stopped by pulling down or blowing up any house, the owner to be paid.

Provido.

[SECT. 4.] That when any fire shall happen to break out either in Boston or any other town within this province, two or three of the chief military or civil officers of the same town shall, or may, and hereby are impowred to give directions for the pulling down or blowing up any such house or houses that shall be by them adjudged meet to be pulled down or blown up for the stopping and preventing the further spreading of the same. And if it shall happen that the pulling down or blowing up any such house or houses by the directions aforesaid, shall be the occasion of stopping the said fire, or that the fire stop before it come to the same, that then all and every owner of such house or houses shall receive reasonable satisfaction, and be paid for the same by the rest of the inhabitants whose houses shall not be burnt; who are hereby impowred to make such rate or rates, for the raising and levying such sum and sums of money as shall be thought convenient by the selectmen and justices of said town for that end; *provided, always*, that, if the house where the fire shall first begin and break out shall be adjudged fit to be pulled down or blown up to hinder the further spreading and increase of the same, that then the owner of such house shall receive no manner of satisfaction for the same, anything in this act contained notwithstanding.

October 25, 1692.

<sup>1</sup> "This provision does not appear to have been repealed, although other sections of the Province law have been modified or superseded by later statutes." GRAY, C. J., in *Quinn v. Morse*, 130 Mass. 321.

In consequence of the above suggestion the act was printed, but while this book was going through the press the case of *Wilkins v. Jewett*, involving the validity of this provision, was decided, February 28, 1885, and the court, Chief Justice Morton delivering the opinion, say: "We are of opinion that this provision of the provincial statute was never in force in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

## 1741-2. — CHAPTER 5.

## AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATING PORTERS EMPLOYED WITHIN THE TOWN OF BOSTON.

WHEREAS, the trade and business managed in the town of Boston, between the inhabitants thereof and others trafficking there, occasions many persons to resort to and attend about the wharves, docks and other parts of the town, to convey and carry goods, wares and merchandizes from place to place, some of whom are not so well known as such an employment requires, others of no good character, yet, oftentimes, have goods of a considerable value put into their custody for conveyance as aforesaid; and some taking upon them the business of porters, impose upon those making use of them, more especially strangers, by exacting exorbitant wages for their labour, or refusing business, tho not before employed, if they cannot have their unreasonable demands; therefore, to void such inconveniencies for the future, —

*Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governour and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same :*

[SECTION 1.] That the selectmen of the town of Boston, for the time being, shall have full power and authority to order what number, and who shall be employed, and take upon them the business of carrying goods, wares and merchandizes, for pay or wages, as common porters within the said town; and what rate or price such persons shall ask, receive and take for their labour, service, and attendance, according to the distance of place or other circumstances, the selectmen shall order and ascertain; all which persons, so admitted by the selectmen, shall at all times, when in the service or doing the business of porters, wear a badge or ticket, with the figure of a pine-tree marked thereon, on some part of his upper garment or girdle; which badge or ticket shall be numbred, and a fair entry of each porter's ticket made in the selectmen's book, as also the wages they are to ask and receive, within ten days after the approbation of the selectmen as aforesaid.

[SECT. 2.] *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that whosoever shall presume to take up the business and employ of a common porter, and convey or carry goods and merchandize from place to place within the town of Boston, for hire or wages, without being admitted by the selectmen as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings for every time he shall be convicted thereof before any one of his majesty's justices of the peace within the county of Suffolk, at Boston aforesaid; the one-half of which fine or forfeiture shall be disposed of to and for the use of the poor of the town of Boston, the other half to him or them that shall inform and sue for the same.

[SECT. 3.] *And be it further enacted,* that whosoever, being admitted as a porter, as aforesaid, shall ask, take, and receive any more than what the selectmen shall allow for any work or service, shall, for every such exaction, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings, to be recovered and disposed of as by this act is already directed; and if any person, admitted and approved of as aforesaid, as a common porter, shall officiate or concern himself in the business of transporting goods or merchandize, not having his badge or ticket, shall, for every such breach of this act, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings, to be recovered and disposed of as aforesaid.

[SECT. 4.] *Be it further enacted,* that the selectmen shall require and take bond of each one of the porters, admitted as aforesaid, with sufficient surety, in a sum not exceeding fifty pounds, for their

Preamble.

Selectmen of Boston to appoint porters,

— who are to wear badges numbered.

Selectmen to state their wages.

Fine for serving as porter without license.

Penalty for parties asking more for their work than allowed by selectmen.

Penalty for officiating without badge.

Selectmen to take security for the porter's fidelity.

Disorderly porters to be removed.

orderly and faithful acting in the business, more especially their safe conveying and delivering such goods as shall be committed to them; and that, upon complaint made to the selectmen, that any whom they may have admitted as aforesaid do not behave and conduct themselves orderly, peaceably and quietly towards their employers, it being made to appear, the party accused being seasonably notified thereof, such person may be removed, and other meet and orderly persons admitted in his room.

Limitation.

[SECT. 5.] *Provided*, this act be in force and so continue for the space of seven years from the publication thereof, and no longer.<sup>1</sup>

August 8, 1741.

### 1772. — CHAPTER 3.

#### AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, many charitably disposed persons have given and bequeathed considerable sums of money and other interest and estate to the poor of the town of Boston and their use, and many other persons are well inclined to make charitable donations to the same good purpose, but the overseers of the poor of the same town not being incorporated, the good intentions of those who have made and those who incline to make such charitable donations, have been either wholly frustrated or not carried into full effect,

*Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives,*

Overseers of the Poor incorporated.  
22 Pick. 122.

[SECTION 1.] That the said overseers for the time being of the poor of the town of Boston in the county of Suffolk and province of the Massachusetts bay be created, made, erected and incorporated into a body-politic by the name of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Boston in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, and that they and their successors in said office have a perpetual succession by said name.

Their power.

[SECT. 2.] *Be it further enacted*, that all and singular sum and sums of money, interest and estate, real or personal of what name or nature soever, heretofore given, or at any time hereafter to be given, granted, bequeathed or devised by any way or means whatsoever to the poor of the same town or to their use, not exceeding the sums and value in this act after mentioned, be and the same hereby is and shall be to all intents and purposes vested in the same Overseers and their said successors in their said corporate capacity; and they are hereby enabled in the same capacity to receive, manage, lease, let and dispose the same according to their best discretion to and for the use and benefit of the poor of the same town.

Proviso.

[SECT. 3.] *Provided, always, and be it hereby enacted*, that the said overseers shall not be able to receive or be capable of having or holding any moneys or personal estate of any kind or nature whatsoever at any time, above and beyond the sum and amount of sixty thousand pounds lawful money of this province, accounting and reckoning the whole moneys and value of all the personal estate, personal securities, and choses in action, which they shall own or be vested withal in their corporate capacity together. And that all gifts and bequests of money or personal estate of any kind made to the said corporation, or which by the tenor of this act they might take

<sup>1</sup> This act was continued from time to time until March 7, 1797, when it was made perpetual by an act entitled "An act to make perpetual sundry temporary acts." 8, 1796, c. 69.

or be vested with, shall be utterly void at all times hereafter when their whole stock in moneys, personal securities or choses in action, and personal estate which the said corporation shall have, own and be vested with the property of, shall, taken and reckoned together, amount to the said sum of sixty thousand pounds.

[SECT. 4.] *Be it further enacted*, that the said overseers and their successors in said office by the name aforesaid have a perpetual succession; by that name to sue or be impleaded, by its said corporate name to purchase lands and hold them, not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds lawful money by the year, and to manage, lease, bargain and sell, or otherwise dispose of, all or any part thereof, and do all other acts as natural persons may, as from time to time the said corporation shall judge best for the benefit, advantage and use of the said poor.

To have perpetual succession.

[SECT. 5.] *Be it further enacted*, that the said corporation shall have a common seal and power, and the said corporation is hereby authorized to make by-laws and private statutes and ordinances not repugnant to the laws of the land, for the better government of the said corporation and its finances, to chuse a treasurer, clerk, and other subordinate officers, as from time to time shall be found necessary, and all or any of them again at pleasure to displace.

To have a seal and make by-laws.

[SECT. 6.] *Be it further enacted*, that all instruments which said corporation shall lawfully make by the name aforesaid, and sealed with their common seal, and all acts done or matters passed upon, by the consent of the major part of the said overseers for the time being, shall bind said corporation and be valid in law.

Acts done by a major part to be valid.

April 23, 1772.

[1802, 41; 1864, 128; 1868, 183; 1875, 73.]

## 1799. — CHAPTER 31.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PAVING OF STREETS IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON, AND FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE SAME.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. [That all streets shall hereafter be paved in the town of Boston agreeable to the following regulations, viz. : the foot-path or walk on each side of every street shall be of the breadth of one-sixth part of the width of the whole street; and shall be laid or paved with bricks or flat stones, and secured with a beam or cut stone along the outside thereof: and the middle or remaining four-sixths of every street shall remain as a passage-way for carriages of burthen or pleasure; and shall have a gutter on each side thereof, or otherwise as the surveyors of highways in the said town shall determine, and shall be paved with good and sufficient paving-stones: *provided, always*, that if in any street so to be paved the sides shall not exactly range, the gutter, or outside of the foot-walk, shall be laid out as nearly in a straight line as the street will admit of: and in all squares and other large open spaces, and in all streets, the breadth of which shall not conform to this law, the breadth of the foot-walk, and the ascent and descent, and the crowning of the pavement in every street, shall be regulated by the surveyors of highways.]

Foot-walk to be one-sixth of the street's width, and how paved. 1838, 128. P.S. c. 50, §§ 20-25. R.O. c. 26, §§ 62-72.

16 Pick. 504.

Provision for squares and narrow streets.

SECT. 2. [*And be it further enacted*, that where the cart-way in any public street shall be hereafter ordered to be paved, every owner of the lot or lots of ground upon such street shall, without delay, at his own cost, cause the foot-way in front of his ground to be paved with bricks or flat stones, and supported by timber or hewn stones, and kept in repair; the same

Foot-walk to be paved where the cart-way is.

Case of owners neglecting to pave.

Provision for aggrieved individuals.

Planks may be used before vacant lots.

Selectmen empowered to widen streets, etc.  
1870, 337.  
2 Pick. 162.

P.S. 49.

Balconies, cellar doors, etc., regulated.  
R.O. c. 26, §§ 23, 29.  
115 Mass. 217.  
117 Mass. 114.

Posts and trees not to be put in streets without consent of the surveyors of highways.

Penalty for wheeling barrows, etc., on foot-walk.  
1847, 224.  
R.O. c. 26, § 65.

to be done under the direction of, and to the approbation of the surveyors of highways: and if the owner or owners of such lots shall neglect to pave with bricks or flat stones, and to support the foot-way, for the space of twenty days after he, or the tenant of such lot, or the attorney of the said owner or owners, shall have been thereto required by any of the surveyors of highways, then it shall be lawful for the said surveyors of highways, and they are hereby enjoined and required, to pave the said foot-ways with brick or flat stones, and to support and to defend the same, and to repair the same, and shall recover the whole amount thereof by action of the case, to be brought by the surveyors of highways, before any court proper to try the same: *provided, nevertheless*, that in all cases where applications may be made for new paving of streets, any individuals who may be affected thereby, may make their objections to the selectmen, or surveyors of highways, who are directed to take them into consideration while deliberating on the expediency of said application, and to pave the same at the expense of said town whenever they shall think it expedient: *provided, also*, that where there are any vacant lots of land in any such streets, the surveyors of highways may, at their discretion, allow the owner or owners thereof to cover the foot-path with planks, which shall be removed, and the brick or flat stone pavement shall be completed whenever it may become necessary in the judgment of said surveyors.]

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that the selectmen of the said town of Boston for the time being, whenever in their opinion the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of said town shall require it, shall be, and they hereby are empowered, to lay out or widen any street, lane, or alley of said town, and for that purpose to remove any building or buildings of what nature soever; and the owner or owners of such building shall be entitled to receive compensation for the damages which he or they may sustain by such removal, which damages shall be ascertained, determined, and recovered in the way and manner pointed out in the act of this commonwealth, entitled "An act directing the method of laying out highways."

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted*, that no canopy, balcony, platform of cellar-door, or step in any street, lane, or alley, in the town of Boston, shall project into such street more than one-tenth part of the width of the street, and in no case more than three feet; and all cellar-doors hereafter to be made or repaired, shall be built with upright cheeks, and shall not project from the line of the house more than six inches: and if any proprietor or owner of any such canopy, balcony, platform or cellar-door, or steps, shall refuse or neglect to remove or take down the same, within five days after notice and direction given him or them by the surveyors of highways, or any person empowered by them to that purpose, such owner or proprietor shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars for each and every day the same shall remain after the expiration of the said five days.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted*, that no post shall be erected or set in any of the streets of the said town of Boston except at the corners or intersection of two streets, and in such other places as the surveyors of highways may authorize and direct, and the said surveyors may remove the same: and no person shall plant any tree in any street in the said town of Boston, without leave first obtained from the surveyors of highways, who shall have power to remove the same: [and if any person shall drive any horse or cart, or any wheel carriage of burthen

or pleasure, or wheel any wheelbarrow on the foot-walk of any street in said town of Boston, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for every such offence, to be recovered by action of debt, in the name of the surveyors of highways, before any justice of the peace in the county of Suffolk:] [<sup>1</sup> and no person shall in future make, erect or have any portico or porch, any bow-window, or other window, which shall project into the streets of the said town of Boston, more than one foot beyond the front of his or her house; or hang any sign, or any goods, wares, or merchandize, which shall project into the street more than one foot beyond the front of his or her house or lot: and if any person shall hereafter offend against this provision, every person so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for each and every day such portico or porch, bow-window or other window shall be continued, after notice given to him by the surveyors of highways, or by any person by them authorized to that purpose.]

Directions respecting bow-windows, etc.  
P. S. c. 23 § 24.  
1882, 252.  
117 Mass. 114.  
128 Mass. 330.  
136 Mass. 197.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted*, that if any person or persons shall continue to place in the street, contrary to the meaning of this act, any goods, wares, or merchandizes, it shall be lawful for the surveyors of highways of the said town of Boston, or any person empowered by them, to remove such goods, wares, and merchandizes, and to keep them in safe custody; and the proprietor or owner of such goods, wares, and merchandize, shall not have the same goods restored, until he or they shall have paid to the person or persons so removing them, all expenses of removing and storing them, and a reasonable compensation for the time so employed in their removal, as well as the fine aforesaid: and if any person shall place or pile any empty boxes, barrels, hogsheads, or other conveniency capable of containing goods or merchandize, or that may have contained goods or merchandize, in any part of the streets of the said town of Boston, more than five minutes after notice given to remove the same, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars, for each and every such offence, to be recovered by action of debt, by the surveyors of highways, before any justice of the peace in the said county.

Merchandise not to be placed in the streets.  
R.O. c. 26, § 42.

SECT. 7. [Repealed by St. 1847, c. 224, § 3.]

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted*, that all the forfeitures and fines which may be recovered in pursuance of this act, shall go and be distributed one moiety thereof to the poor of the town of Boston, and the other moiety to the surveyors of highways.

Disposal of fines.

June 22, 1799.

[1804, 73; 1809, 28; 1816, 90; 1831, 17; 1833, 128; 1870, 337; 1872, 322; 1877, 228; 1878, 75; P.S. 49, § 84.]

## 1802. — CHAPTER 7.

AN ACT REGULATING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES IN THE SAID TOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That the selectmen of the town of Boston be, and they are, hereby empowered to appoint annually such a number of persons as constables in the said town as the public service may require; and the said constables so appointed shall give bonds to the treasurer of the town of Boston, in such sums, and on such conditions, as the said selectmen shall think proper, for the faithful

Selectmen to appoint constables.

<sup>1</sup> The construction of bow-windows and other projections is now controlled by St. 1882, c. 252, § 3.



performance of the duties of their office: and the constables so appointed by the selectmen, shall have the same powers as are by law vested in constables chosen by the towns of this commonwealth.

Assistant assessors to be appointed.

Charter, *ante*, p. 7, §§ 36, 37.

1884, 123.

SECT. 2. [*And be it further enacted*, that the inhabitants of the town of Boston shall assemble annually on the first Wednesday in April, in their respective wards, and shall then choose and appoint two persons in each of their respective wards to assist the assessors in taking a list of the polls, in estimating the value of their personal property, and in appraising the value of all real estates in their own wards; and the twenty-four persons thus chosen shall meet and appoint three persons, whom they shall judge best qualified to serve the town in the office of assessors, the ensuing year, which assessors shall have the same powers as are vested by law in assessors chosen by other towns in this commonwealth: and in case of the death or resignation of any person so chosen, in either of the wards, the clerk of such ward is empowered and directed to call a new meeting of the ward to choose a suitable person to supply the place of the person so dead or declining to serve.]

Town treasurer to be collector of taxes.

1875, 176.

SECT. 3. [*And be it further enacted*, that the treasurer of the town of Boston shall be the collector of taxes in the said town, and shall be, and hereby is empowered to substitute and appoint under him, such and so many deputies or assistants, as the service may be found to require, who shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duty, in such sums, and with such sureties, as the selectmen of said town shall think proper: and the said collector, and his deputy or deputies, shall have the same powers as are vested by law in collectors of taxes, chosen by other towns in this commonwealth.]

SECT. 4. [Repealed by St. 1811, c. 47.]

June 18, 1802.

[1803, 15; 1807, 124; 1814, 165; 1860, 147; 1875, 176.]

#### 1802. — CHAPTER 44.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE OLIVER WENDELL, AND OTHERS, TOGETHER WITH THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON, FOR THE TIME BEING, BY THE NAME AND TITLE OF THE TRUSTEES OF JOHN BOYLSTON'S CHARITABLE DONATIONS, FOR THE BENEFIT AND SUPPORT OF AGED POOR PERSONS, AND OF ORPHANS AND DESERTED CHILDREN.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Persons incorporated.

SECTION 1. That Oliver Wendell, William Cooper, Ebenezer Storer, and William Smith, all of Boston, and John Pitts, of Tyngsborough, in the County of Middlesex, Esquires, and the survivors and survivor of them, together with the overseers of the poor of the town of Boston for the time being, and their successors; and after the decease of the said Oliver Wendell, William Cooper, Ebenezer Storer, William Smith, and John Pitts, the said overseers of the poor of the town of Boston for the time being, and their successors forever, be, and they hereby are, incorporated into a body politic, by the name and title of the Trustees of John Boylston's Charitable Donations, for the Benefit and Support of Aged Poor Persons, and of Orphans and Deserted Children, and by that name and title shall have perpetual succession.

This act and the clauses of the will to be recorded.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, that all the bequests,<sup>1</sup> devises, and donations made and granted by John Boylston, late of Bath,

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1875, c. 176, the offices of treasurer and collector of taxes were separated, and the powers of the treasurer in relation to the collection of taxes were vested in the collector of taxes.

<sup>2</sup> See will of John Boylston, Suffolk Reg. Prob., vol. 94, p. 17. Digitized by Google

in the kingdom of Great Britain, deceased, for the purposes above mentioned, be, and they hereby are, vested in the said corporation, to be held and disposed of by them conformably to the directions of the said will: and the said corporation shall insert among their records a copy of this act and also of all the clauses of the said last will and testament which have relation to the said two several charitable donations, for the benefit of aged poor persons, and for the support of orphans and deserted children; and in the management and disposal of the funds granted in said will, the said corporation shall conform to, and be governed by the directions therein contained.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that the said corporation shall have a perpetual succession, by the name and title aforesaid, to sue or be impleaded; to purchase and hold lands or other real estate, not exceeding the value of three thousand dollars by the year; to hold personal estate not exceeding the value of sixty thousand dollars; and to manage, lease, bargain and sell, or otherwise dispose of, all or any part thereof, subject to the directions of the said will; and to do all acts as natural persons may do, as the said corporation from time to time shall judge best, to carry into effect the charitable intentions of the said will: and the real or personal estate which the said corporation are hereby empowered to hold, shall not be considered as part of that which the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Boston are already empowered by their former act of incorporation to hold, but as altogether distinct and separate from the same

Amount of real and personal estate which may be held.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that the said corporation shall have a common seal, with power to break and alter the same; and said corporation is hereby authorized to make by-laws, and private statutes and ordinances, not repugnant to the laws of the land, for the better government of said corporation and its finances; to choose a treasurer, clerk, and other subordinate officers, as from time to time shall be found necessary, and all or any of them again at pleasure to displace.

By-laws may be made and officers chosen.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted*, that all instruments which said corporation shall lawfully make by the name aforesaid, and sealed with their common seal, and all acts done, or matters passed upon by the consent of a major part of the members of said corporation, shall bind the said corporation, and be valid in law.

February 3, 1803.

[1813, 171.]

## 1803. — CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT REGULATING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES IN THE SAID TOWN."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That the treasurer of said town of Boston, his deputy or deputies, shall be empowered to collect all such taxes as may be outstanding and uncollected at the time of his being chosen to the office of treasurer, such treasurer and his deputies first giving bonds for the faithful discharge of their duty, in such sums and with such sureties as the selectmen of said town shall think proper.

Treasurer to collect taxes outstanding at the time of his election. 1875, 176.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, that the said treasurer may issue his warrant to his deputy or deputies for the collecting and gathering in such part of the rates or assessments as, in his discretion, he shall think proper to commit to such deputy or deputies,

To issue warrant to his deputies.

which warrant shall be in the same tenor with the warrant prescribed to be issued by the selectmen or assessors for the collecting and gathering in of the state rates or assessments, *mutatis mutandis*.

[1802, 7; 1807, 134; 1875, 176.]

June 18, 1803.

## 1803. — CHAPTER 111.

AN ACT TO SET OFF THE NORTH-EAST PART OF THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER, AND TO ANNEX THE SAME TO THE TOWN OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Boundaries of  
land set off.

SECTION 1. That all that part of Dorchester lying north-east of the following line, viz. : Beginning at a stake and stones at Old Harbor, so called, at the south-west corner of land formerly belonging to John Champney, running north thirty-seven and one half degrees west, to a large elm tree, marked D on the south-west side, and B on the north-east side, standing on land belonging to the heirs of Thomas Bird, deceased ; then running the same course to a heap of stones, on the south-east side of the road ; thence across the road, the same course, to a heap of stones on the north-west side ; thence on the same course to a black oak tree, standing on a small hummock, marked D on one side, and B on the other side, upon land of Ebenezer Clap, jun. ; thence the same course till it comes to Boston harbor, with the inhabitants thereon, be, and they hereby are, annexed to the town of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and shall thereafter be considered and deemed to be a part of the town of Boston : *provided*, that the said tract of land, and the inhabitants thereon, set off as aforesaid, shall be holden to pay all such taxes as are already assessed, or ordered to be assessed, by said town of Dorchester, in the same manner as they would have been if this act had not been passed.

Proviso respect-  
ing taxes.

Lots for public  
use.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, that the proprietors of said tract shall assign and set apart three lots of land on the same for public use, viz. : one lot for the purpose of a public market place, one lot for a school-house, and one lot for a burial-ground, to the satisfaction and acceptance of the selectmen of the town of Boston ; or in case the said selectmen and proprietors shall not agree upon the said lots, it shall be lawful for the supreme judicial court, at any session thereof in the said county of Suffolk, upon application of the said selectmen, to nominate and appoint three disinterested freeholders within the commonwealth, and not inhabitants of said town of Boston, to assign and set off the three lots aforesaid by metes and bounds ; and the report of said freeholders, or any two of them, being made and returned to, and accepted by, the said court, at any session thereof in said county, shall be final and binding upon all parties ; and the lots of land by them assigned and set off as aforesaid shall thenceforth vest in the said town of Boston forever, without any compensation to be made therefor by the town ; but if the person or persons whose lands shall be assigned and set apart as aforesaid shall demand compensation therefor, the same shall be appraised by three freeholders, to be appointed as aforesaid, who shall also assess upon the other proprietors the sum or sums which each shall be holden to pay to the person whose lands may be thus assigned for public use ; and the report of said freeholders, or any two of them, being made and returned to, and accepted by, said court, judgment thereon shall be final, and execution awarded, as in cases of reports by referees under a rule of court.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that the selectmen of the said town shall be, and hereby are, authorized to lay out such streets and lanes through the said tract as in their judgment may be for the common benefit of said proprietors and of said town of Boston, a reasonable attention being paid to the wishes of the proprietors; and in case of disagreement between the selectmen and proprietors, or either of them, the same proceedings shall be had as are provided by law in other cases for laying out town-ways: *provided, only*, that no damages or compensation shall be allowed to any proprietor for such streets or lanes as may be laid out within twelve months from the passing of this act: and *provided, also*, that the town of Boston shall not be obliged to complete the streets laid out by their selectmen pursuant to this act, sooner than they may deem it expedient so to do.

March 6, 1804.

Selectmen to lay out streets, etc.  
18 Pick. 442, 504.  
8 Cush. 290.  
5 Cush. 1.  
12 Cush. 574.  
1 Gray 203.  
14 Gray 282.

Proviso.

### 1804. — CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PAVING OF STREETS IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON, AND FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE SAME."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

That the selectmen of the town of Boston for the time being, whenever in their opinion the safety or convenience of the inhabitants of said town shall require it, shall be, and they hereby are, empowered to lay out any new street, or to widen any street, lane, or alley of said town, and for that purpose to take any land that may be required for the same, and to remove any building or buildings, of what nature soever; and the same street, lane, or alley being recorded in the town's books, shall be thereby established as such; and the owner or owners of the land or buildings that shall be so taken or removed, shall receive such recompense for the damages which he or they may thereby sustain, as the party interested and the selectmen shall agree upon, to be paid by the town or the individual person or persons for whose use such street, lane, or alley is laid out or widened, or as shall be ordered by the justices of the court of general sessions of the peace, upon an inquiry into the same by a jury to be summoned for that purpose, who shall be drawn out of the jury box of the supreme judicial court of the town of Boston by the selectmen of said town, upon the application of the sheriff of the county of Suffolk, and if, by accident or challenge, there should happen not to be a full jury, said officer shall fill the panel *de talibus circumstantibus* as in other cases; or by a special committee, if the parties agree thereunto.

Selectmen empowered to lay out and widen streets.  
11 Mass. 447.  
2 Pick. 162.

March 4, 1805.

[1799, 31; 1870, 337; 1872, 322; 1877, 228; 1878, 75; P.S. 49, § 84.]

### 1807. — CHAPTER 134.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT REGULATING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES IN THE SAID TOWN."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That the treasurer and collector of the town of Boston, be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue his warrant to the sheriff of the county of Suffolk, his deputy, or to any constable of the town of Boston, directing them to distrain the persons or property of any

Treasurer authorized in case of delinquents.  
1875, 176.

person or persons who may be delinquent in the payment of taxes, after the time has expired, that is or may be fixed for payment, by any vote of said town. Which warrants shall be of the same tenor with the warrant prescribed to be issued by selectmen or assessors for the collecting or gathering in of the state rates or assessments, *mutatis mutandis*. And the said officers shall make a return of their warrants, with their doings thereon, to the said treasurer and collector, within thirty days from the date thereof: *provided, however*, that nothing in this act shall prevent the said treasurer and collector, whenever there may be a probability of losing a tax, from distraining the person or property of any individual before the expiration of the time fixed by the votes of said town.

**Proviso.**  
**Duty of civil officers.**

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall be the duty of said officers to execute all warrants they may receive from said treasurer and collector, pursue the same process in distraining the persons or property of delinquents, as collectors of taxes are now by law authorized to do and perform; and for collecting the sum of money due on said warrant, receive the fees that are allowed by law for levying executions in personal actions: *provided, however*, before the said officers shall serve any warrant, they shall deliver to the delinquent, or leave at his or her usual place of abode, a summons from said treasurer and collector, stating the amount due; and that unless the same is paid within ten days from the time of leaving said summons into the town treasury, with twenty cents for said summons, his or her property will be distrained according to law.

**Proviso.**

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the constables of the town of Boston, in addition to the usual condition of their bonds, shall also be bound to the faithful execution of all warrants committed to them by the treasurer and collector of said town.

March 12, 1808.

[1802, 7; 1803, 15; 1814, 165; 1860, 147; 1875, 176.]

## 1809. — CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL ACTS NOW IN FORCE TO REGULATE THE PAVING OF STREETS IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON, AND FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE SAME.

*Be it enacted etc.:*

SECTION 1. That in paving or repairing the pavement of any street in the town of Boston, in future, no person shall place timber or wood, in front of his or her house or lot, to support the foot-walk; but the same shall be supported with hammered or cut stone, anything in the second section of the act, to which this is in addition, passed the twenty-second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECT. 2. [Sections two and three repealed by St. 1847, c. 224, § 3.]

June 19, 1809.

[1799, 31; 1804, 73; 1816, 90; 1833, 123.]

## 1810. — CHAPTER 124.

AN ACT TO PREVENT LIVERY STABLES BEING ERECTED IN CERTAIN PLACES  
IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON.*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That from and after the passing of this act, no building shall be erected within the town of Boston, and used and improved as a stable, for the taking in and keeping horses or chaises, or other carriages, upon hire, or to let, commonly called livery stables, within one hundred and seventy feet of any church or meeting-house erected for the public worship of God: *provided, however,* that this act shall not be so construed as to prevent the finishing of any stable which has been in part erected, if the completion thereof shall be approved by the selectmen of the town of Boston.

Livery stables.  
1860, 109.  
1 Gray 163.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* that for any offence against the provision of this act, the owner or owners, keeper or keepers, of such building shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars for every calendar month during which the same shall be so used and improved, to be recovered by action of debt, one-half thereof to enure to the use of the poor of the town of Boston, and the other half thereof to him or them who shall sue for the same.

February 28, 1811.

[1860, 109; 1869, 869; 1878, 192.]

## 1813. — CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE  
OLIVER WENDELL AND OTHERS, TOGETHER WITH THE OVERSEERS OF  
THE POOR OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON, FOR THE TIME BEING, BY THE  
NAME AND TITLE OF THE TRUSTEES OF JOHN BOYLSTON'S CHARITABLE  
DONATIONS, FOR THE BENEFIT AND SUPPORT OF AGED POOR PERSONS,  
AND OF ORPHANS AND DESERTED CHILDREN."*Be it enacted, etc. :*

That the corporation constituted by an act, entitled "An act to incorporate Oliver Wendell and others, together with the overseers of the poor of the town of Boston, for the time being, by the name and title of The Trustees of John Boylston's Charitable Donations, for the Benefit and Support of Aged Poor Persons, and of Orphans and Deserted Children," be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to bind out in virtuous families, or to reputable trades, or useful arts or occupations, such poor persons, orphans, or deserted children, as receive, or may hereafter receive, the benefit of the said Boylston's charitable donations, until they arrive to the age of twenty-one years, in such manner as to the said corporation may seem expedient; and for this purpose shall have authority to establish any rules and regulations, and enter into any indenture or covenant relative to such objects, not repugnant to the laws of this commonwealth, as the said corporation may deem necessary or expedient.

Corporation authorized to bind out poor persons.

February 26, 1814.

[1802, 44.]

## 1814. — CHAPTER 165.

AN ACT FOR REGULATING THE PROCEEDINGS IN SUITS UPON CONSTABLES  
BONDS IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON.*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Bond broken.

SECTION 1. That when the condition of any bond which now is, or may hereafter be given to the treasurer of the town of Boston by any constable of said town, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, shall be broken, to the injury of any person, such person may cause a suit to be instituted upon such bond, at his own costs, but in the name of the treasurer of the town of Boston, and the like indorsements shall be made on the writ, and the like proceedings be had thereon to final judgment and execution, and the like writs of *scire facias* on such judgment as may be made, and had by a creditor on administration bonds given to any judge of probate: *provided, however*, that no such suit shall be instituted by any person for his own use, until such person shall have recovered judgment against the constable, his executors or administrators, in an action brought for the malfeasance or misfeasance of the constable, or for non-payment of any moneys collected by the said constable in that capacity, or a decree of a judge of probate, allowing a claim for any of the causes aforesaid, and such a judgment or decree or so much thereof as shall be unsatisfied, with the interest due thereon, shall be the proportion of the penalty for which execution shall be awarded: *provided, however*, that this act shall not be construed to make any surety in any bond given by the constable as aforesaid, before the passing of this act, liable to any suit which could not heretofore be legally prosecuted against him.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Duty of the treasurer.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall be the duty of the treasurer aforesaid to deliver an attested copy of any constable's bond to any persons applying and paying for the same; and such attested copy shall be received as evidence in any case: *Provided, nevertheless*, that if in any suit the execution of the bond shall be disputed, the court may order the treasurer to bring the original bond into court.

March 1, 1816.

## 1816. — CHAPTER 44.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE TOWN OF BOSTON TO CHOOSE A BOARD OF  
HEALTH, AND TO PRESCRIBE THEIR POWER AND DUTY.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 1. [Repealed by St. 1821, c. 110, § 28.]

Powers.  
1854, 448, § 40.  
P. S. c. 80.  
R. O. c. 22.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that said board of health shall have power, and it is hereby made their duty, to examine into all causes of sickness, nuisances, and sources of filth that may be injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the town of Boston, which do, or may, exist within the limits of the town of Boston, or on any island, or in any vessel within the harbor of Boston, or within the limits thereof, and the same to destroy, remove, or prevent, as the case may require; and whenever said board shall think it necessary for the preservation of the lives or health of the inhabitants of Boston, to enter forcibly any building, or vessel, having been refused such

<sup>1</sup> By the city charter (St. 1821, c. 110, § 17, and St. 1854, c. 448, § 40) the power and authority of the board of health were vested in the city council, to be carried into execution by one or more health commissioners. For St. 1821, c. 110, see Appendix.

entry by the owner or occupier thereof, within the limits of the said town of Boston or the harbor thereof, for the purpose of examining into, destroying, removing, or preventing any nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness aforesaid, which said board have reason to believe is contained in such building or vessel — any member of said board, by order of said board, may apply to any justice of the peace within and for the county of Suffolk, and on oath complain and state, on behalf of said board, the facts, as far as said board have reason to believe the same relative to such nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness aforesaid; and such justice shall thereupon issue his warrant, directed to the sheriff of the county of Suffolk, or either of his deputies, or any constable of the town of Boston, therein requiring them or either of them, taking with them sufficient aid and assistance, and also in company with said board of health, or some two members of the same, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, to repair to the place where such nuisance, source of filth or cause of sickness [is] complained of as existing as aforesaid; and there, if found, the same to destroy, remove, or prevent, under the directions and agreeable to the order of said board of health, or such members of the same as may attend and accompany such officer for such purpose: *provided, however,* that no sheriff or deputy-sheriff shall execute any civil process, either by arresting the body or attaching the goods and chattels of any person or persons, under color of any entry made for the purposes aforesaid, unless such service could, by law, have been made without such entry; and all services so made, under color of such entry, shall be utterly void; and the officer making such service shall be considered as a trespasser to all intents *ab initio*. And in all cases where such nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness, shall be removed, destroyed, or prevented, in manner aforesaid, the cost of so removing, destroying, or preventing the same, together with all costs attending the proceedings relative thereto, shall be paid by the person or persons who caused, or permitted the same nuisance, source of filth, or cause of sickness, to exist, or in whose possession the same may be found. And, in all cases where any contagious and malignant disorder exists, within the limits of the town of Boston, or on board of any vessel, or on any island, within the harbor of Boston, and, it appearing to said board of health, after the same has been examined into by the physician of said board, or some other respectable physician of the town of Boston, that the public safety requires that any person or persons affected with any contagious, malignant disorder, should be removed to the hospital on Rainsford island, or to any other place within the limits of said town of Boston, on any island in the harbor of Boston, or should be confined or remain in the place where such person or persons thus affected there are; in every such case the said board of health shall pass an order relative to the same, which order all persons dwelling in or occupying such place, building, or vessel, notified thereof by said board, or called on by said board, shall be obliged to obey; and any person refusing to obey such order or resisting any officer or person acting under the authority of said board, or any member of said board, in any of the duties or requirements in this section of this act, shall severally forfeit and pay, for such offence, a sum not less than five, and not exceeding five hundred, dollars, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence.

*Provided.*

*Rules and orders.*

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* that the said board of health shall have power to make such rules, orders, and regulations, from time to time, for the preventing, removing, or destroying, of all nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness within the limits of the town



of Boston, or on board any vessel, or on any island in the harbor of Boston, which they may think necessary; which rules, orders, and regulations, from and after the same have been published in two newspapers printed in the said town of Boston, shall continue in force and be obeyed by all persons, until changed, altered, or repealed by the same board who made them, or by some succeeding board of health. And any person or persons who disobey or violate any such rules, orders, or regulations, so as aforesaid made by such board, shall severally forfeit and pay for such offence, a sum not less than one and not more than fifty dollars, according to the nature and aggravation of such offence.

May seize and  
destroy provisions.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that the said board of health shall have power to seize, take, and destroy, or to remove to any safe place without the limits of the town of Boston, or cause the same to be done, any unwholesome and putrid, or tainted meat, fish, bread, vegetable, or other articles of the provision kind, or liquor, which in their opinion, first consulting the physician of said board, or some other reputable physician of the town of Boston, shall not be fit for food and nourishment, and injurious to the health of those who might use the same; and the cost of such seizing, taking, destroying, or removing shall be paid for by the person, or persons, in whose possession the same unwholesome, putrid, or tainted, article shall or may be found.

May make rules  
concerning  
infected clothing,  
etc.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that the said board of health shall have power, from time to time, to make and establish all such rules, orders and regulations relating to clothing or any article capable of containing or conveying any infectious disease, or creating any sickness, which may be brought into, or conveyed from the town of Boston, or into or from any vessel, or on or from any island in the harbor of Boston, as they shall think proper for public safety, or to prevent the spreading of any dangerous or contagious disease. And all such rules, orders and regulations, so as aforesaid by said board made and established, shall be obeyed by all persons from and after the same have been published in two of the newspapers printed in the town of Boston, and shall continue to be in full force, until altered or repealed by the board who made and established the same, or some other succeeding board; and every person who shall disobey or violate any of such rules, orders, and regulations, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than one dollar and not more than one hundred dollars, according to the nature and aggravation of such offence.

Fines.

Quarantine.

P.S. 30, §§ 62-69.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, that the said board of health shall have power to establish and regulate the quarantine to be performed by all vessels arriving within the harbor of the town of Boston, and for that purpose shall have power, from time to time, to establish, make, and ordain all such orders, rules, and regulations relating to said quarantine as said board shall think necessary for the safety of the public and the security of the health of the inhabitants of the said town of Boston; which said rules, orders, and regulations, so as aforesaid established, made, and ordained, shall be obeyed by all persons, and shall continue to be in force from and after the same shall have been published in two newspapers printed in the town of Boston, until the same are altered or repealed by the said board establishing, making and ordaining the same, or by some succeeding board of health. And said rules, orders and regulations may extend as well to all persons arriving in such vessels, and to their property and effects aboard such vessels, and to all such persons as may visit or go on board such vessels, after their arrival in said harbor of Boston, and to the cargo of all such vessels, as to the vessels themselves, — as also to every matter and thing relating to or connected with such

vessel, or the cargo of the same, or to any person or persons going on board or returning from the same; and every person who shall knowingly or wilfully violate or disobey any of such rules, orders, and regulations, so as aforesaid made, established, or ordained by said board of health, shall severally forfeit and pay a sum not less than five dollars, and not exceeding five hundred dollars, according to the nature and aggravation of such offence. And the board of health shall have power at all times, to cause any vessel, arriving in the harbor of Boston, which is foul and infected, or whose cargo is foul and affected with any malignant or contagious disease, to be removed and placed on quarantine ground, and the same to be thoroughly cleansed and purified at the expense and charge of the owners, consignees, or possessors of the same; and also all persons arriving in or going on board such infected vessel, or handling such infected cargo, to be removed to hospital or Rainsford island, under the care of said board, and to the hospital on the same, there to remain under the orders and regulations of said board. All expenses incurred on account of any person under the quarantine rules, orders and regulations of said board of health, shall be paid by such persons.

Fines.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, that said board of health shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to elect and appoint a principal physician to said board, who shall reside in Boston, and an assistant physician, who shall, during the time of quarantine, reside on Hospital island, also an island-keeper, to reside on said Hospital island, boatmen and such other officers and servants as will be necessary to carry into effect the rules, orders, and regulations of said board of health, as it respects the quarantine; and shall prescribe to them their duty, and establish their salary and fees, and displace or remove them at pleasure, and elect and appoint others in their places: also said board shall, from time to time, establish and regulate the fees or expenses attending the said quarantine regulations, shall have the care of said Rainsford or Hospital island, and of the hospital on the same, and of all property on said island and belonging to or connected with the hospital on the same; and shall, annually, in the month of January in each year, file in the secretary's office of this commonwealth, an exact and true account of the state of the property in and connected with the hospital establishment on said island, and of the property belonging to the commonwealth on said island, and of all money expended thereon.]

Officers appointed for Hospital island.

R.O. c. 22, § 16.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, that said board of health shall have power to elect and appoint scavengers, superintendents of burying grounds, funeral porters or undertakers, and such other officers and servants as shall be necessary to carry into effect all the powers and duties given in this act to, or required of, the said board of health, and to fix and establish their fees of office or compensation; and all officers, elected or appointed by said board, shall be removable from their said offices at the pleasure of said board, and others substituted, elected, or appointed in their place. And a majority of said board shall be competent to transact any business which the whole board, were they all present, might or could transact.

Scavengers and funeral porters.

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted*, that all the powers and duties which are given to, or required of, the selectmen of the town of Boston, by a law of this commonwealth passed the twenty-second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "an act to prevent the spreading of contagious sickness," and by the several acts in addition thereto, shall be, and they hereby are, transferred to and made the duty of the board of health of the town of Boston, anything in said laws to the contrary notwithstanding. [And, for all expenses which may arise in

Expenses.

the execution of their duty, the said board of health shall be authorized to draw upon the town treasurer of the town of Boston; and the accounts of said board, including all receipts and expenditures of money, shall be examined by the committee of accounts annually chosen by said town of Boston for that purpose, who shall report a state of them to the said town accordingly, and the same shall be paid by the treasurer of said town of Boston. And, on the death or resignation of any member of said board of health, the said board may cause such vacancy to be filled by a new election from the ward from which said member was elected, by directing the clerk of such ward to call a meeting of the inhabitants of such ward, qualified to elect a member of the board of health, to meet at such time and place as shall be notified to him by said board; at which meeting such vacancy shall be filled, and such proceedings be had as are directed in the first section of this act, as to the choice and return and notification of the person elected as a member of said board as aforesaid.]

Vacancies filled up.

May remove sick prisoners.

SECT. 10. *Be it further enacted*, that whenever any prisoner confined in the gaol in Boston, or within the limits of said prison, shall be attacked with any contagious, malignant, disorder, which in the opinion of said board of health, first having consulted with the physician of said board, or some other respectable physician of the town of Boston, endangers the safety and health of the other prisoners in said gaol, or the inhabitants of said town, and that the suffering such prisoners, so attacked as aforesaid, longer to remain in said gaol, or within the limits of said prison, is not consistent with the public safety, or the health of the inhabitants of said town, or the prisoners in said gaol; in every such case, the said board of health shall make application in writing to any two justices of the peace, *quorum unus*, therein stating the facts relative to such case; and the said justices, to whom such application shall be made, shall examine into such case, and, if satisfied that the facts stated are true, shall issue their warrant to said board of health, authorizing and directing them to remove said prisoner, so attacked with such contagious and malignant disorder, to the hospital on Rainsford island, or to some other place of safety, there to remain under the directions of said board, until such prisoner either recovers or dies; and, in case of recovery, then to be returned by said board to the place from which he was taken; and such warrant, so executed by said board, or any member thereof, shall be by them returned, with their doings thereon, into the clerk's office of the court, from which the process for committing such prisoner to gaol shall have issued; and the place to which such prisoner shall be removed by virtue of such order, shall be considered as the gaol of the county of Suffolk; and every prisoner, removed as aforesaid, for the causes aforesaid, shall not thereby be considered as having committed any escape, so as to prejudice either himself, his bondsmen, or the persons who had the custody of him in his confinement aforesaid.

Burying grounds.

5 Crash. 408.  
13 Allen 548.

Funerals.

SECT. 11. *Be it further enacted*, that the said board of health of the town of Boston are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, to make and establish rules, orders, and regulations, for the interment of the dead in said town, to establish the police of the burying grounds, appoint and locate the places where the dead may be buried in said town, and cause the places for the deposit of the dead in said town, and the burying grounds, to be repaired and properly enclosed. Also to make regulations for funerals and funeral processions, and appoint all necessary officers and persons to carry the same into effect, and to appoint to them their duties and fees; and shall also have the power to establish such penalties for the violation of any such rules, orders, and regulations, as they may think proper:

*provided*, no one penalty for any one violation shall exceed the sum of fifty dollars. And all such rules, orders, or regulations, so, as aforesaid, made and established by said board, shall be obeyed by every person, from and after the same have been published in two of the newspapers printed in Boston, and shall continue in full force, until the same are altered or repealed by the said board who made and established them, or by some succeeding board.

Proviso for penalties.

SECT. 12. *Be it further enacted*, that the said board of health shall have power to grant permits for the removal of any nuisance, infected article, or sick person, within the town of Boston, when they think it safe and proper so to do; and said board, whenever they think justice requires it, may stop, discontinue, discharge or compromise any suit, complaint, or information, originating under this act. And all fines, forfeitures, penalties, sums to be paid or recovered, arising under any of the provisions of this act, shall be prosecuted for, by, and in the name of "the board of health of the town of Boston," by complaint or information by said board, to be made in writing to some justice of the peace within and for the county of Suffolk; which said justice, upon said complaint or information being made to him as aforesaid, shall receive the same, and thereupon issue his warrant, therein reciting the said complaint or information, directed to the sheriff of the county of Suffolk, or either of his deputies, or any constable of the town of Boston, commanding them, or either of them, to summon the party informed against or complained of, to appear before him at a time and place to be named in said warrant, to show cause, if any they have, why they should not pay the sum demanded of them in such complaint or information; which said warrant shall, by the officer who receives the same, be served on the party informed or complained against as aforesaid, at least seven days before the day in said warrant stated as the day of trial, by giving such party in hand a copy of such warrant, reading the same to him, or leaving a copy thereof at the last and usual place of abode of such party; and if such party shall not appear at the time and place appointed, or, appearing, shall not show sufficient cause as aforesaid, the said justice shall proceed to render judgment in every such case, that the said board of health shall recover such sum in damages, or as fine, as the case may be, as according to the provisions of this act, they ought by law to recover, with costs, and shall proceed to issue his execution therefor, in the same manner as executions issue from justices of the peace in civil cases triable before them; and such executions shall be served and made returnable in the same manner as executions in civil actions are by law served and made returnable, which issue on judgments rendered in the supreme judicial court of this commonwealth: *provided, however*, that, in all such prosecutions as aforesaid, if the said board of health shall discontinue such prosecution, or become non-suit, or the same, on the merits, should be decided by such justice trying such prosecution, against them, in every such case, the said party informed against and complained of, shall recover his legal costs against said board, which costs shall be paid by the treasurer of the town of Boston. And in every prosecution under this act, before any justice of the peace as aforesaid, the party complained against in such prosecution, being dissatisfied with the judgment in the same, given by such justice, may appeal therefrom to the Boston court of common pleas. next to be holden at Boston within and for the county of Suffolk, after such judgment is so as aforesaid given or rendered by said justice: *provided* such appeal be entered within twenty-four hours after such judgment is given as aforesaid; and the same proceedings in all respects relating to such appeal shall be had as are

Permits.

May prosecute.

Forms of process.

Proviso.

Appeals.

Proviso.

by law required on appeals from judgments rendered in civil causes by justices of the peace in this commonwealth; and on the entry of such appeal in the said court, the said court shall have cognizance and jurisdiction of the same, and shall proceed to hear and determine the same in the same manner, and award execution in the same way and manner, as they have cognizance and jurisdiction, [to] proceed to hear, and determine, and award execution in civil causes, on appeals to them from judgments given by justices of the peace in this commonwealth. And in all cases of such appeals or prosecutions under this act, the party prevailing in the said court shall recover his costs, to be paid in the manner prescribed in this section of this act; *provided, however*, that no appeal shall be allowed or granted to said court in any prosecution under the provisions of this act, where the amount of the judgment rendered and had before and by any justice of the peace, shall not amount to more than five dollars, exclusive of costs. And all fines and forfeitures recovered by said board of health, under the provisions of this act, shall inure to the use of the inhabitants of the town of Boston, and be accounted for by said board of health, to and with the town treasurer of said town of Boston: *and provided, also*, that, in consequence of said appropriation of said fines and forfeitures, or the appropriation of any other moneys by virtue of this act, no inhabitant of the said town of Boston shall be disqualified as a justice of the peace, a witness, or juror, in any prosecution under this act, nor shall the said board of health, or any member of the same, or any officer of the same, be rendered thereby incompetent witnesses in any prosecution under this act; and the members of said board of health, while they continue in such office, shall be exempted from all militia duty, and every other duty and service, which, by law, the selectmen of towns in this commonwealth are exempted from; and all laws heretofore made relating to a board of health in the town of Boston, so far as they are inconsistent with, or contrary to, the provisions of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed: *provided, however*, that the election of the present board of health for the said town of Boston, and all their doings under the said laws, are hereby confirmed, and they shall have and exercise all the powers and duties required or permitted by this present act: *and provided, also*, that all prosecutions now pending shall be proceeded in, in the same way and manner, as though this act had never been passed. And, in all prosecutions under this act, the persons prosecuted may plead the general issue, and give any special matter in evidence under the same; and the complaint, information, pleadings, or proceedings in any prosecutions under this act, may, by leave of court before whom the same is or may be pending, be amended in any state of such prosecution, without the payment of costs by either party.

June 20, 1816.

## 1816. — CHAPTER 90.

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PAVING OF STREETS IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON, AND FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE SAME."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That the selectmen of the town of Boston, for the time being, whenever in their opinion the safety or convenience of the inhabitants of said town shall require it, shall be, and they hereby are, empowered to discontinue any street, lane, or alley of the said town, or to make any alteration in the same, in part or in whole;

Powers.  
1870, 337.

reserving, however, in all cases, to individuals who may sustain damage thereby, recompense for the same, to be ascertained and allowed in the same manner as is provided in the act entitled “an act in addition to an act entitled ‘an act to regulate the paving of streets in the town of Boston, and for removing obstructions in the same.’” 1804, 73.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that all orders, votes and determinations of the said selectmen of the town of Boston, heretofore had and passed for the discontinuance of any street, lane, or alley of the said town, or respecting any alteration in the same, in whole or in part, shall be held and considered as good and valid to all intents and purposes, as if the said act, to which this is in addition, had explicitly vested said authority in the said selectmen; reserving always to individuals recompense for damages sustained thereby, as is provided in the said act. Orders, votes, etc., valid.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the selectmen of the town of Boston shall keep a record of all the streets, lanes, and alleys of the said town, and of all the votes and proceedings relative to the same; and that copies thereof, certified by the town clerk, shall be valid to all intents and purposes. Records.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that from and after the passing of this act, no person shall raise up from any street, wharf, or place of public resort within the town of Boston, for the purpose of storing the same, any cask, bale of goods, or other articles of merchandise, into the second or any higher story of any house, store, or other building upon or adjoining the same, and on the outside of such buildings, and that no person shall deliver from the second or any higher story of any house, store, or other building, on the outside of the same, which shall adjoin upon any street, wharf, or place of public resort, within the said town of Boston, any cask, bale of goods, or other article of merchandise, except at such times and places, and under such restrictions and limitations, as the selectmen, for the time being, shall by writing authorize and direct. And every person who shall offend in manner aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the commonwealth, for each and every such offence, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than ten dollars, to be recovered by indictment in the municipal court for the town of Boston, with costs of prosecution: *provided*, that this shall not be construed to extend to the raising any materials or other articles which may be necessary in erecting, repairing, or taking down any building within the said town of Boston, or for the convenience thereof, or for removing any merchandise or other article in case of danger by fire, or other inevitable casualty. Prohibitions. Penalties. Proviso.

Dec. 13, 1816.

[1799, 31; 1804, 73; 1809, 28; 1831, 17; 1833, 128; 1854, 448; 1870, 337; 1872, 323; 1877, 228; 1878, 75; P.S. 49, § 84.]

## 1817. — CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO AN ACT, ENTITLED “AN ACT FOR THE DUE REGULATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND FOR THE MORE EASY RECOVERY OF FINES AND PENALTIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF BOSTON IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.”<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the sealer of weights and measures within and for the town of Boston, to be provided with a

Sealer of weights and measures to be provided with office.

<sup>1</sup> St. 1799, c. 60, here referred to, was repealed by the Revised Statutes.

Notice to be given.  
P.S. 66, §§ 12, 13.  
106 Mass. 286.  
109 Mass. 220.  
111 Mass. 320.

Sealer authorized to examine weights and measures.  
P.S. 66, § 14.

Double fees.

Forfeitures.

Forfeitures and penalties to be recovered by law.  
P.S. 27, § 19;  
28, § 2.

house or office, and to which all persons using scale beams, steelyards, weights, or measures, within the town of Boston, in trade, for the purpose of buying or selling any article, shall be required, after notice thereof shall have been given in two or more of the newspapers published within the said town, to send annually their scale beams, steelyards, weights, and measures, for the purpose of having the same tried, proved, and sealed, as is provided in and by the act aforesaid, to which this is in addition; and the said sealer shall be entitled to demand and receive therefor such fees as are allowed in and by the said act.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the said sealer is hereby authorized and required to go to the houses, stores and shops of all such merchants, innholders, traders, retailers, and of all other persons living or residing within the said town of Boston, using beams, steelyards, weights, or measures, for the purpose of buying and selling, as shall neglect to bring or send the same to the house or office of the sealer aforesaid; and there, at the said houses, stores, and shops, and having entered the same with the assent of the occupant thereof, to try, prove, and seal the same, or to send the same to his said house or office, to be tried, proved, and sealed, and shall be entitled to demand and receive therefor double the fees he would be entitled to demand and receive for the same, if such beams, steelyards, weights, and measures had been sent to his said house or office, with all expenses attending the removal and transportation of the same; and if any such person or persons shall refuse to have his, her, or their, beams, steelyards, weights, or measures, so tried, proved, and sealed, the same not having been tried, proved, and sealed, within one year preceding such refusal, he, she, or they, shall forfeit and pay ten dollars for each offence; the one moiety to the use of the said town of Boston, and the other moiety of the same to the sealer. And if any such person, or persons, shall use any beam, steelyard, weight, or measure, which shall not conform to the public standard, the same not having been tried, proved, and sealed within one year preceding such use of the same, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay ten dollars for each offence, the one moiety to the use of said town of Boston, and the other moiety of the same to the informer. And if any such person or persons shall alter any beam, steelyard, weight, or measure, after the same shall have been tried, proved, and sealed, so that the same shall by such alteration be made not to conform to the public standard, and shall fraudulently make use of the same, he, she, or they, shall forfeit and pay fifty dollars for each offence, the one moiety to the use of the said town of Boston, and the other moiety of the same to the informer.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that all fines, forfeitures, and penalties, accruing within the said town of Boston, under this act, or for the breach of any by-law of the said town, which is now in force, or which may hereafter be duly enacted and made, may be recovered by indictment, information, or complaint, in the name of the commonwealth, in any court competent to try the same; and all fines so recovered and paid shall be appropriated to the uses for which the same are now by law ordered to be applied; reserving, however, in all cases to the party complained of and prosecuted, the right of appeal to the next municipal court in the town of Boston, from the judgment and sentence of any justice of the peace, in which case the judgment of the said municipal court shall be final; and to the next supreme judicial court, to be holden within the county of Suffolk, and for the counties of Suffolk and Nantucket, from the judgment of the municipal court where the indictment or information originated in the same, such party recognizing with sufficient surety or sureties,

to the satisfaction of the court, to enter and prosecute his, her, or their, said appeal, and to abide the final judgment thereon.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that when any person, who upon conviction before a justice of the peace, for any offence mentioned in this act, or for the breach of any by-law of the town of Boston, shall be sentenced to pay a fine, and shall not appeal from said judgment, or if upon claiming an appeal, shall fail to recognize as aforesaid, and upon not paying the fines and costs so assessed upon him, shall be committed to prison; there to remain, until he or she shall pay such fines and cost, or be otherwise discharged according to law; such persons shall not be holden in prison for a longer term than ten days; and at the expiration of that term, the keeper of the said gaol is hereby authorized to release such person from confinement.

Shall not appeal from judgment.

P.S. 27, § 19;  
28, § 2.

SECT. 5. [*Be it further enacted*, that all fines and penalties, which shall be hereafter recovered for any offences, which shall hereafter be committed against the act of this commonwealth, which was made and passed on the fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, entitled, "An act in addition to an act, entitled, 'an act for the due regulation of licensed houses.'" shall be appropriated, the one moiety to the town of Boston, and the other moiety of the same to the informer, any thing to the contrary in that act notwithstanding.]

Superseded by  
F. S. 102.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, that the seventh section of the act aforesaid, to which this is in addition, be, and the same is, hereby repealed, so far as respects the said town of Boston.

June 17, 1817.

## 1817. — CHAPTER 171.

### AN ACT TO SECURE THE TOWN OF BOSTON FROM DAMAGE BY FIRE.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 6. *Be it further enacted*, that if any person or persons shall, within the said town of Boston, roast, or cause to be roasted, any cocoa, for the purpose of manufacturing the same into chocolate, in any building whatever, excepting such as may or shall be licensed for that purpose, by the major part of the firewards of the town aforesaid, he, she, or they, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, nor less than two hundred dollars.

No cocoa to be roasted without license.

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted*, that every tar kettle, which shall be made use of in said town, for the purpose of boiling tar, for the use of any rope walk, and every kettle, boiler, or copper, for the use of any caulker, graver, ship carpenter, tallow chandler, soap boiler, painter, or other like artificer, shall be so fixed as to prevent all communication whatsoever between the contents of such kettle, boiler, or copper, and the fire, and that the fire place under every such tar or other kettle, boiler, or copper, shall be constructed with an arch built over the same and secured by an iron door, in such manner as to enclose the fire therein; and every person who shall erect any tar kettle or other kettle, boiler, or copper, or use the same for any or either of the purposes aforesaid, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, nor less than fifty dollars, according to the degree and aggravation of the same.

Tar kettles to be secured.

SECT. 10. *Be it further enacted*, that every person who shall carry

Penalty for carrying fire in the streets.  
12 Met. 231.

<sup>1</sup> The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, and fifteenth sections of this act were repealed by St. 1850, c. 280, § 2, since repealed by St. 1871, c. 280, § 63.



12 Met. 231.

any fire through the streets, lanes, or on any wharves in said town, except in some covered vessel, or who shall kindle a fire in any of the places aforesaid, without the permission therefor in writing, of one or more of the firewards of said town [or shall smoke, or have in his or her possession, any lighted pipe or cigar, in any street, lane, or passage way, or on any wharf in said town]<sup>1</sup>, shall forfeit and pay, for each and every offence, the sum of two dollars, to be recovered of the person so offending, or of his parent, guardian, master, or mistress.

Penalty for exposing fire in barns, etc.

SECT. 11. *Be it further enacted*, that if any person shall have in his or her possession, in any rope walk, or in any barn or stable, within said town, any fire, lighted pipe or cigar, lighted candle or lamp, except such candle or lamp is kept in a secure lantern, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay for each offence, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than twenty dollars.

Recovery of fines.

SECT. 12. *Be it further enacted*, that all and any of the penalties which are given in and by this act, or in and by a certain act, made and passed the fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, entitled "An act regulating the storage, safe keeping, and transportation, of gunpowder in the town of Boston," may be recovered by indictment, information, or complaint, in any court proper to try the same; and in such indictment, information, or complaint, it shall not be necessary to set forth any more of said acts, than so much thereof as relates to and is necessary, truly and substantially to describe the offence alleged to have been committed. And it shall be the duty of each and every fireward in the town of Boston, and they and each of them are hereby required to inquire after all offences which shall come to their knowledge, and which shall be committed against the true intent and meaning of this act, and shall cause the same to be duly prosecuted.

Duties and powers of firewards.

SECT. 13. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall be lawful for any one or more of the firewards of said town, to require and compel the assistance of all or any of the inhabitants of said town, and any other persons, who shall be present as spectators of any fire; and in any suit or prosecution therefor, it shall be lawful for them to plead the general issue, and give this act in evidence; and if any person shall disobey the lawful and reasonable command of any fireward or firewards, to aid in extinguishing such fire, or in rescuing property from destruction thereby, such person, so offending, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered in manner aforesaid.

Repeal of former acts.

SECT. 14. *Be it further enacted*, that all acts heretofore passed to secure the town of Boston from damage by fire, be, and the same are, hereby repealed, excepting that such parts thereof as may be necessary to recover all fines and penalties, incurred upon the acts aforesaid, shall still remain in full force for that purpose.

February 23, 1818.

#### 1818.—CHAPTER 4.

##### AN ACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BIRD ISLAND IN BOSTON HARBOR.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

That from and after the passing of this act, no earth or stones shall be taken from the island, called Bird island, in Boston harbor, in the county of Suffolk, without license first had and obtained of the selectmen of the said town of Boston for that purpose, in writing, by the per-

<sup>1</sup> The words within brackets were stricken out by St. 1880. c. 88.

son taking the same, specifying the quantity allowed to be removed, and the object of removing it. And every person, who, without permission obtained as aforesaid, shall remove any earth or stones from the said island in any boat, or in any ship or vessel whatsoever, shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of twenty dollars, to the use of the said town, to be recovered by the selectmen of the said town by an action of debt, in any court proper to try the same.

June 12, 1818.

## 1822. — CHAPTER 41.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That William Prescott, Alexander Parris, Bryant P. Tilden, Nathan Hale, John C. Gray, and all such persons as are, or shall be, associated with them, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, incorporated, for the purpose of furnishing gas-light in the city of Boston, by the name of the Boston Gas-light Company; and by that name may sue and prosecute, and be sued or prosecuted to final judgment and execution, and do and suffer all other matters and things which bodies politic may, and ought to, do or suffer; and may have and use a common seal, and the same break and alter at their pleasure; and by their said corporate name may purchase, take, and hold, real and personal estate, not exceeding in the whole value, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Persons incor-  
porated.

Powers and  
privileges.

Real and per-  
sonal estate.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the said corporation may elect so many directors and other officers, and divide their capital stock into such number of shares, and establish and put in execution such by-laws and regulations as the members thereof may judge necessary: *provided*, the same are not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this commonwealth.

Directors,  
shares, and by-  
laws.

SECT. 3.<sup>1</sup> *Be it further enacted*, that the said corporation, with the consent of the mayor and aldermen of said city of Boston, shall have power and authority to open the ground in any part of the streets, lanes, and highways, in said city, for the purpose of sinking and repairing such pipes and conductors as [it] may be necessary to sink for the purpose aforesaid. And that the said corporation, after opening the ground in the said streets, lanes, or highways, shall be held to put the same again into repair, under the penalty of being prosecuted for a nuisance: *provided*, that the said mayor and aldermen, for the time being, shall, at all times, have the power to regulate, restrict, and control the acts and doings of said corporation which may, in any manner, affect the health, safety, or convenience of the inhabitants of said city.

Right to sink  
pipes.

Mayor and al-  
dermen may re-  
strict the cor-  
poration.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that said corporation shall have full power, from time to time, to make and assess such assessments and taxes as they shall deem necessary, on the shares in said corporation; and, on neglect or refusal to pay the same, to sell such shares at vendue, for the payment thereof, after advertising the same in two of the newspapers published in Boston, for the space of twenty days previous to the sale, paying the overplus, if any there be, after the payment of such assessments and taxes, and of the charges of sale, to the owner of the share or shares so sold.

Assessments.

<sup>1</sup> Similar privileges were granted to the Roxbury Gas-light Company by St. 1852, c. 198; St. 1857, c. 137; the East Boston Gas-light Company, by St. 1853, c. 13; the South Boston Gas-light Company, by St. 1852, c. 103, with authority to lay pipes in Dorchester, 1853, c. 320; the Charles-town Gas-light Company, by St. 1846, c. 98; the Dorchester Gas-light Company, by St. 1854, c. 9; the Brighton Gas-light Company, by St. 1853, c. 29; the Jamaica Plain Gas-light Company, by St. 1852, c. 63. These acts are not reproduced in this volume. See, also, P.S., c. 108, § 75 *et seq.*

First meeting.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that the said William Prescott, or Alexander Parris, be. and they are hereby, empowered to call the first meeting of the said corporation, by a notification in one of the newspapers of Boston aforesaid, fourteen days previous to such meeting; and the said corporation, at such meeting, shall agree upon the mode of calling future meetings.

January 22, 1823.

## 1822. — CHAPTER 56.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Directors of the  
House of Indus-  
try.  
1857, 35, § 1.

[That the city council of the city of Boston shall choose annually, in the month of May, by ballot, nine discreet and suitable citizens to be directors of the house of industry in the said city.]

Powers of direc-  
tors.  
1826, 111.  
1857, 35, § 1.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the said directors shall have and exercise the like authority and power, in using, regulating, and governing, said house of industry, as are had and exercised by overseers of the poor within this commonwealth, and may send such persons to said house, and for such purposes, as overseers of the poor are by law authorized to do.

Justices of the  
police court may  
commit vagabonds, etc.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the justices of the police court in the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, shall have and exercise the like authority and power, in ordering commitments to said house of industry, as are now vested in justices of the peace, as to commitments to houses of correction, according to the provisions of an act entitled "an act for suppressing and punishing of rogues, vagabonds, common beggars, and other idle, disorderly, and lewd persons," passed on the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Annual report  
of directors.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that the said directors shall, in the month of April, in every year, make report, in writing, to the city council, of the persons who shall have been resident in said house of industry, during the next preceding twelve months, and of the manner in which such persons shall have been employed during their residence therein; and the said directors shall also render to the city council, in the month of April, annually, an account of all moneys received and paid on account of the said house.

Rules and or-  
ders.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that all rules and orders for the governing and managing said house of industry shall, within two months after the same shall have been made, be submitted to the city council; and such rules and orders shall be in force until repealed or altered by said directors, or until disapproved of by vote of the said city council.

Same subject.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, that no rules or orders shall be established for the governing and managing said house of industry by the directors thereof, unless at a meeting at which five or more of the said directors are present.

City council to  
choose first di-  
rectors.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, that the city council of the city of Boston be, and the same hereby is, authorized and empowered, as soon after the passing of this act as they may see fit, to choose nine directors of said house of industry, to continue in office until the election of directors which may be made, pursuant to this act, in the month of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

February 3, 1823.

[1824, 28; 1825, 182; 1826, 111; 1833, 126; 1857, 35.]

## 1822. — CHAPTER 85.

## AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF TAXES IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

That the city council of the city of Boston shall have power, from time to time, to lay and assess taxes in the county of Suffolk, for all purposes for which county taxes may be levied and assessed, so long as the town of Chelsea shall continue not to be liable to taxation for any county purposes.

City council may lay taxes.

P.S. 11, § 48.

February 10, 1823.

## 1823. — CHAPTER 148.

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF FANEUIL-HALL MARKET IN BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That whenever the city council of the city of Boston shall, declare that the public exigencies require that the limits of Faneuil-hall market should be extended in any direction between Ann street on the north, a line drawn from the east end of Faneuil hall, on the west, the south side of Faneuil hall, and the lane leading to Green's wharf, on the south, and the harbor on the east, it shall be lawful for the mayor and aldermen of said city, within one year from the first day of April next, to lay out and widen Faneuil-hall market, in such direction, within the limits aforesaid, not exceeding one hundred and eighty feet wide, as may be prescribed by the city council: *provided*, that the land taken, by virtue of this act, shall never be used for any other purposes than those herein described, without the previous consent of the legislature being obtained therefor.<sup>1</sup>

The city council of Boston may decide upon the extension of Faneuil-hall market.  
R.O., c. 41.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall be the duty of said mayor and aldermen, previously to removing any building or doing any act affecting said property, to notify a meeting of the proprietors, or legal representatives, of the estates which may be included within the said limits, and directed by the city council to be appropriated for the purposes aforesaid, and invite their concurrence in a submission and reference of all questions relating to the damages which they may sustain by such appropriation, to five disinterested freeholders and inhabitants of this commonwealth, two to be chosen by said mayor and aldermen, and two by the proprietors; which four persons shall elect one more; and the five thus chosen shall forthwith, after the said market shall have been extended in manner aforesaid, give notice to both parties to appear, if they see fit, for a hearing before them, and shall proceed to the duties of their appointment. And they shall first inquire whether any damage has been sustained from the proceeding aforesaid, and, if any, they shall estimate the same, and their award shall be binding and conclusive on the inhabitants of said city of Boston, and on said proprietors. And in case any of said proprietors shall not agree to said submission, the same reference shall be had, in manner and form aforesaid, with those who do agree to the same.

Duty of the mayor and aldermen to refer questions of damages.

Manner of appointing referees.

<sup>1</sup> The city council, by resolves passed March 11, 1824, declared that the public exigencies required such extension, and the mayor and aldermen, July 22, 1824, extended the market "in an easterly direction from said Faneuil hall to the harbor, between two lines parallel to the walls of Faneuil hall aforesaid, and running eastwardly towards the harbor, of which the north line shall be fourteen feet distant from the north side of said hall, and the south line shall be one hundred and eighty feet to the south of said north line." — *City Records*, Vol. II., pp. 70, 294.

Proprietors may file petition for indemnity in supreme judicial court.

Court may appoint commissioners.

Party dissatisfied may apply for trial by jury.

Costs.

Trustees, administrators, etc., of estates, authorized to act.

Proviso.

Disposition of damages.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that any of said proprietors, or legal representatives, of any estates taken for the purposes aforesaid who may not agree to said reference, may, within three years from the time that the land or estates shall have been so taken, file his petition for indemnity in the supreme judicial court within the county of Suffolk, before or during any term thereof, and after fourteen days' notice, which shall be given by leaving a copy of said petition with the mayor of the city of Boston, the court may proceed to the hearing of the said petitioners upon the appearance or default of the adverse party; and the said court are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint five commissioners, who shall be disinterested freeholders and inhabitants of this commonwealth, whose duty it shall be to estimate and determine the damages which the plaintiff may have sustained, in the manner and upon the principles set forth and expressed in the second section of this act, and shall make return of their award into said court as soon as may be, and upon the acceptance thereof, judgment shall be rendered thereon for the party prevailing, with costs: *provided, however*, that if either party shall be dissatisfied with said award, it shall be lawful for such party to apply to the supreme judicial court, at any term thereof, within and for the county of Suffolk, next after such award, for a trial by jury, at the bar of said court, and thereupon the court shall direct the sheriff of the county of Suffolk to name and return a special jury, who shall be disinterested freeholders, to hear and determine in said court, all questions relating to said damages, and to assess the amount thereof; and the verdict of such jury [shall] be final and conclusive upon the parties; and if the party applying for a jury shall not obtain, in case it shall be the original plaintiff, or applicant, an increase of damages, or in case it be the original defendant, a decrease of damages awarded by the commissioners, such party shall pay reasonable costs of such trial, otherwise shall recover reasonable costs, and upon any judgment rendered on the verdict of such jury the court may issue execution accordingly.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that in case any property or estates shall be taken under the provisions of this act, which may be held in trust, or be the property of married women, or belong to minors, or persons *non compos*, or the unsettled estates of persons deceased, the trustees of such estates held in trust, such married women with their husbands, and the guardians of such minors or persons *non compos*, and the administrators and executors of such estates, are hereby authorized to enter into such references, or take such other measures as proprietors are by this act authorized to do: *provided, however*, that the damages which may be awarded by the commissioners or recovered by verdict, belonging to estates held in trust, or the property of married women, shall be paid to the trustees of such estates so held in trust, and the husbands of such married women, if such married women shall thereto consent in writing, and, if not, then to [a] trustee or trustees to be appointed by the supreme judicial court, at any term thereof, on application of any such married woman, in trust, to hold and invest the same, to pay over the income thereof to the husband of such married woman, so long as he would have been entitled to the use and possession of said estate, and then to pay over the principal to such person or persons as would have been entitled to have said estate if the same had not been taken by the provisions of this act, with such securities, limitations, and restrictions, as said court shall on such application direct. And the damages awarded to unsettled estates of deceased persons, or minors, or persons *non compos*, shall be subject to the same disposition which

is now by law provided for the surplus arising from the sales of real estate by administrators and guardians, under the order of court.

February 21, 1824.

[1859, 211; 1860, 152.]

## 1824. — CHAPTER 16.

### AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SIDEWALKS IN THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That in all streets which shall hereafter be paved in the town of Charlestown, the sidewalks shall be made according to the following regulations, viz. : the foot-path or sidewalk on each side of the street shall be of a breadth not exceeding one-sixth part of the whole width of the street, and shall be paved with brick or flat stone, and shall be secured with good and sufficient hammered edgestone on the outside of the same. Regulations.

[SECT. 2.<sup>1</sup> *Be it further enacted*, that whenever the town shall direct the paving of any public street as aforesaid, each and every owner or owners of a lot or lots of land adjoining the same, shall without delay, at his or her expense, cause the sidewalk in front of his or her land, to be paved with brick or flat stone, and supported by hammered edgestone, and kept in repair, the same to be done under the direction, and to the acceptance of the surveyors of the highways. And if the owner or owners of such lot or lots shall neglect or refuse to pave and support the sidewalk as aforesaid, for the space of twenty days after he or she, or the tenant of such lot or lots, or the attorney of such owner or owners, shall have been thereto required by any of the surveyors of highways, then it shall be lawful for said surveyors, and they are hereby enjoined and required to pave and support the same in manner aforesaid, or to repair the same, and shall recover the whole amount of the expense thereof, by action of the case, to be brought by the surveyors of highways, before any court, proper to try the same: *provided*, nevertheless, that whenever, in the opinion of the selectmen, any owner or owners of any lot on such street, shall be unable to comply with the foregoing requisitions, the said selectmen may direct the surveyors of highways to cause such sidewalk to be made at the expense of the town: *provided, also*, that when there are any vacant lots of land on any such street, the surveyors of highways may, at their discretion, allow the owner or owners thereof to cover the sidewalk with plank, and support the same with timber, which shall be removed, and the edgestone and brick or flat stone pavement be completed, whenever, in the judgment of said surveyors, it shall become necessary.] 1864, 160.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that no canopy, balcony, portico, or door-steps, hereafter erected in any street, lane, or alley, in the town of Charlestown, shall project into the street, lane, or alley, more than one-twelfth part of the width thereof, and in no case more than three feet, and all cellar-doors hereafter made or repaired, shall be built with upright cheeks, which shall not project from the line of the house, into the street, lane, or alley, more than nine inches, nor shall the platform of the same rise above the level of the sidewalk. And if any proprietor, owner, or owners, shall erect any canopy, balcony, portico, cellar-door, door-step, or other obstruction, contrary to the Canopy, balcony, etc.  
123 Mass. 173.  
124 Mass. 434.  
128 Mass. 330.  
Width and how built.  
  
In case of neglect or refusal.

<sup>1</sup>This section was repealed by St. 1855, c. 11, § 2. See also St. 1864, c. 160, § 1.

Forfeit.

provisions of this act, and shall refuse or neglect to remove or take down the same, within five days after having been directed and required thereto, by any of the surveyors of highways, such proprietors, owner, or owners, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars for each and every day the same shall remain, after the expiration of the said five days.

Distribution of fines.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that all forfeitures and fines which may be recovered in pursuance of this act, shall go, and be distributed, one moiety thereof to the poor of the town of Charlestown, and the other moiety to the surveyors of highways.

July 12, 1824.

[1864, 160.]

## 1824. — CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND CONCERNING THE FORM OF ACTIONS COMMENCED UNDER THE BY-LAWS OF SAID CITY, AND PROVIDING FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Remedy of Boston for supporting poor persons.

SECTION 1. That the city of Boston shall be entitled to the same remedies in order to recover the expenses of supporting any poor person maintained in the house of industry of said city, that towns in this commonwealth are entitled to for the recovery of the expenses of persons for whom support or relief is provided by overseers of the poor, or under their direction.

Appointment of overseers of the house of correction. P.S. 220, § 23. 1857, 35, § 1.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the house of correction within the city of Boston shall be the house of correction for the county of Suffolk, and that the city council of said city shall have power, from time to time, to appoint such a number of overseers of the house of correction in said city of Boston, not exceeding nine, as they shall deem expedient, who shall have, use, and exercise, all the powers and authority in regulating and governing said house of correction and the inhabitants thereof, subject to the control of the mayor and aldermen of the said city, that are granted to overseers of houses of correction in and by an act entitled "an act for suppressing and punishing rogues, vagabonds, common beggars, and other idle and lewd persons," passed on the twenty-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and the several acts additional thereto; and the said overseers, so appointed, or the major part thereof, shall, from time to time, make, ordain, and establish, such rules and orders, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the commonwealth, for the governing and punishing of persons committed to the said house, as they shall find needful and proper, which, within one month after they shall have been made, shall be submitted to the said city council, and shall be in force until repealed by the said overseers, or until disapproved of by the said city council, and the power of discharging persons committed to the said house of correction by the justices of the police court of said city, or by any justice of the peace for the county of Suffolk, before the expiration of their term of commitment, upon the recommendation of the overseers of said house, shall be, and is hereby, vested in any one or more of the said justices of the police court of said city.

Overseers may make rules for the government of said house.

Persons may be discharged by justices of the police court.

City council may appoint master of the house of correction.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the said city council shall have power, from time to time, to appoint a master of the said house of correction, who shall be under the direction and control of the said overseers, and shall be compensated in such manner as the said city council

oil shall direct. And the said city of Boston shall bear and defray all the expenses of the said house of correction, and shall be entitled to the same remedies to recover the charges of maintaining any person therein that the masters of the several houses of correction throughout the commonwealth, or that towns, or counties, are now entitled to by law. P.S. 220, § 23.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that all fines, penalties, and forfeitures, accruing under a statute of this commonwealth, passed the twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, entitled “an act to empower the town of Boston to choose a board of health, and to prescribe their power and duty,” or accruing under any rules, regulations, by-laws, or ordinances which have been, or hereafter shall be, passed by the city council of the city of Boston, in relation to the health of the said city, or of the inhabitants thereof, shall be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, by complaint or information before the justices of the justices’ court for the county of Suffolk, in the name of the city of Boston, by any officer or person authorized to institute the same, and in the manner prescribed in the statute above mentioned, and such fines, penalties, and forfeitures, shall enure, and be recovered, for the use of the said city; and no person shall be disqualified from acting as a magistrate, juror, or witness, in any such suit or prosecution, by reason of any interest which he may have, as an inhabitant of the said city, in the sum or sums of money to be recovered thereby. 1816, 44.  
Prosecutions for fines.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that in all prosecutions by complaint before the police court for the city of Boston founded on the special acts of the legislature, the by-laws of the town of Boston, or the ordinances or by-laws of the city of Boston, it shall be sufficient to set forth in such complaint the offence fully and plainly, substantially and formally; and in such complaint it shall not be necessary to set forth such special act, by-law, ordinance, or any part thereof. Form of complaints.

SECT. 6. [*Be it further enacted*, that in case of the death or resignation of any member of the board of aldermen, the citizens of Boston shall have power to fill such vacancy at any regular meeting that may be convened for that purpose.] Vacancies in board of aldermen, how filled.  
1854, 448, § 25.  
1884, 250, § 2.

June 12, 1824.

[1857, 85; P.S. 220.]

## 1825. — CHAPTER 3.

### AN ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF LAMPS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That from and after the publication of this act it shall be lawful for the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, for the time being, to cause to be set up and affixed such and so many lamps in the streets and other places in the said city, for the purpose of lighting the same, as they may determine to be convenient and necessary; and the said mayor and aldermen are hereby empowered to make all necessary contracts, rules, orders, and regulations, respecting the said lamps, and the lighting and keeping the same in repair, and the regulation and preservation of the same, as they may deem most for the benefit of said city. Mayor and aldermen authorized to erect lamps.  
1 Allen 80.  
100 Mass. 255.  
106 Mass. 275.  
119 Mass. 620.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that whoever shall wilfully, maliciously, carelessly, or wantonly, break, throw down, extinguish, or otherwise injure, any of the said lamps, or the posts, irons, or other furniture, to the same belonging, shall be liable to the fines, penalties, and forfeitures, which are provided in and by an act entitled Fines and penalties for injuring lamps.  
P.S. 203, § 76.



“an act to prevent the wanton destruction of lamps,” made and passed on the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four; to be recovered and appropriated in the manner provided in said act.

Repeal of act  
passed June 29,  
1774.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the act entitled “an act for regulating lamps already set up, or that may hereafter be set up, for enlightening the streets, lanes, alleys, or passage-ways, in the town of Boston, and to prevent the breaking or otherwise damaging the same, and also establishing the method for paying the expenses that may arise in supporting or maintaining said lamps.” be, and is hereby, repealed: *provided*, the said act shall remain in force as to all fines, penalties, and forfeitures, which have been incurred prior to the passing of this act, in and by virtue thereof.

June 16, 1825.

## 1825. — CHAPTER 40.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE POOR'S FUND IN THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Persons  
incorporated.

SECTION 1. That James K. Frothingham and others, selectmen of the town of Charlestown, and Thomas Miller, Amos Tufts, and Matthew Skilton, deacons of the First Congregational church, William Arnold and James Fosdick, deacons of the Baptist church, Moses Hall, Daniel Tufts, and Joseph Gould, deacons of the Universalist church, Joseph Phipps and Elias Phinney, deacons of the New church, all of said Charlestown, for the time being, and their successors in the said offices of selectmen and deacons, for the time being, be, and they hereby are, made a body politic and corporate forever, by the name of the Trustees of the Charlestown Poor's Fund, for the purpose of managing certain donations given and bequeathed at different periods of time, by Richard Russell, Esq., Captain Richard Sprague, Mr. Thomas Call, and Richard Devens, Esq., all formerly inhabitants of the said Charlestown, and such other funds as may come into their hands for like purposes; and the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend suits, with power of substitution, and may have a common seal, and the same may alter and renew at pleasure; and the two senior deacons of all regularly organized religious churches, which may hereafter be constituted, in said town of Charlestown, shall be considered as members of said board of trust: *provided*, that, whenever any new society shall be constituted in said town, the board of trust shall be composed of the selectmen and two senior deacons from each church, for the time being, and their successors in said offices.

Powers and  
privileges.

Proviso.

Officers and by-  
laws.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the said trustees may choose a treasurer and other necessary officers, and may adopt all needful by-laws and regulations for the government of the corporation, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, and the same may alter as they may find expedient and necessary.

Trustees may  
receive and hold  
the Poor's Fund.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the said trustees shall have full power to receive and hold all money, securities, and other estate, real or personal, now constituting the said Poor's Fund, and also to receive and hold all gifts, grants, and donations, real and personal, that may hereafter be made to increase the said fund, and the same to manage, and put on interest, and to apply the income thereof annually, for the relief of the poor of said town forever, conformably to the true intent and meaning of the several donors: [*provided, how-*

ever, that the annual income of said fund shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars].<sup>1</sup>

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that the said trustees shall have power to make sale of any of their property, real or personal, purchased or given, as they shall judge most for the interest of their said trust, unless that which shall be given be expressly otherwise appropriated by the donor; and all moneys arising from such sale, and the subsequent income, shall be applied to the same use to which the property sold and the income thereof were respectively applicable; and all deeds, conveyances, contracts, and other instruments duly authorized by the board at a regular meeting, and signed by the president, and attested by the secretary, shall be good and valid.

Trustees may sell property.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that James K. Frothingham be, and he hereby is, authorized to call the first meeting of the trustees, at such time and place as he shall think proper.

First meeting.

June 18, 1825.

[1868, 301; 1873, 286, § 12.]

## 1825. — CHAPTER 147.

### AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE BRIDGE<sup>2</sup> IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That Nathaniel Whittemore, Noah Brooks, Cyrus Alger, William Wright, Adam Bent, David Henshaw, Jonathan Hunewell, Francis J. Oliver, Samuel K. Williams, and Hall J. Howe, and their associates, successors, and assigns, be, and they hereby are, constituted a corporation by the name of the Boston Free Bridge Corporation, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to the restrictions, usually incident to such corporations in this Commonwealth.

Perfectly incorporated.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that said corporation be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to build and construct, or cause to be built and constructed, a free bridge, with one or more suitable and sufficient draws, across the water, and over the channel, in or near a direction in a straight line from or near Sea street, in Boston, to the newly made land at South Boston, and nearly in the direction of the Dorchester turnpike, and to erect a wharf or pier on each side of said bridge, near said draws, for the accommodation of vessels passing through said bridge; such bridge and wharves to be built in such manner as the city government of Boston shall approve: *provided, however*, that said corporation shall be holden to make compensation to any person or corporation, whose land shall be appropriated to the use of said bridge.

Authorized to build a free bridge.

Proviso.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that no toll or duty shall ever be exacted or paid for any travel over said bridge or passing the draws of the same; and said corporation shall always be held liable to keep said bridge and draws in good repair, and to raise the draw of said bridge and afford all necessary and proper accommodation to vessels that have occasion to pass the same, by night or by day, and shall keep said bridge sufficiently lighted; and if any vessel is unreasonably delayed or hindered in passing said draw, by the negligence of said corporation or their agents, in discharging the duties enjoined on them by this act, the owners or commanders of such vessels shall recover reasonable damages therefor, of said corporation, in an action on the case, before any court proper to try the same; and if the said

Toll not to be taken.

Liable to action for unreasonable detention of vessels.

<sup>1</sup> Repealed by St. 1868, c. 301.

<sup>2</sup> Now called Federal-street bridge. See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), p. 60, note; R.O., c. 40, § 1.

City of Boston may assume maintenance of said bridge, and be liable for damages.

corporation shall not, within three years from the passing of this act, locate, construct, build, and complete, said bridge, agreeably to the provisions of this act, then this act shall be null and void: *provided*, that whenever the city government of Boston shall assume the care and obligations of keeping said bridge in repair, lighting the same, and providing facilities for raising said draw or draws, as aforesaid, then the obligations hereby imposed on said corporation to that effect shall be annulled, and the same shall devolve on the said city government; in which case the damages mentioned in this section shall be sued for before any court proper to try the same, in either of the counties of Middlesex or Essex. But unless the city government shall assume the care and obligations aforesaid, the said corporation, before commencing the building of said bridge, shall furnish adequate security, to the satisfaction of the said city government, for the due performance of the obligations and duties imposed on said corporation by the provisions of this act.

Committee may be appointed to estimate damages.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that any person or corporation, whose lands may be taken for the purpose and in the manner mentioned in the second section of this act, may apply, if within one year from the time any such damage may have happened, to the court of common pleas in the county of Suffolk, for a committee to be appointed to estimate the damage; and, upon such application, the court, after thirty days' notice to said corporation to appear and show cause why such committee should not be appointed, shall, if no good cause be shown to the contrary, appoint three or five disinterested freeholders within the county, at the expense of said corporation, which committee being first duly sworn before some justice of the peace, to be nominated by said court, and giving due notice to both parties to appear (if they see fit) for a hearing before them, shall proceed to the duties of their appointment; and they shall first inquire whether any damage has been sustained from the causes aforesaid, and, if any, shall estimate the same, and shall make return of their doings as soon as may be, into said court, and, upon acceptance of said report, judgment may be given thereon, with reasonable costs to the party prevailing: *provided, however*, that either party, after the return of said report, may claim a trial by jury, and the court thereupon shall stay judgment on said report, and a trial shall be had by jury at the bar of said court, and if the party applying for a jury shall not obtain (in case it be the original applicant), an increase of damages, or, in case it be the original respondent, a decrease of the damages awarded by the committee, such party shall pay reasonable costs of such trial by jury, otherwise shall recover reasonable costs, and upon any judgment rendered upon the report of such committee, or the verdict of such jury, the court may issue execution accordingly, and the same, when it shall be against said corporation, unless satisfied and paid, within thirty days from the rendition of such judgment, may be served and levied upon the goods or estate of any individual member of said corporation, and an action of debt may be maintained on such judgment; and if, upon notice to said corporation, as aforesaid, to show cause why such committee should not be appointed, said corporation shall appear and deny the applicant's title to the land taken, or claim a right to do what is complained of without payment of damages, or for an agreed composition, the court shall first order a trial of the issue at the bar of said court, or, if there be an issue in law, shall try it themselves; and, in either case, either party may appeal to the supreme judicial court, as in other cases, and a certificate of the determination of the supreme judicial court on such appeal in favor of the original applicant, shall be

Either party may have a trial by jury.

Appeal to supreme judicial court.

filed in said court of common pleas before such committee shall be appointed

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that, if the city government of Boston shall, within three months from the passing of this act, determine, by a concurrent vote of both branches of the said city government, to erect said bridge, they shall be at liberty so to do, on the same terms and conditions as said Boston Free Bridge Corporation are otherwise, by the provisions of this act, authorized to erect the same.

City of Boston may build said bridge.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, that an act passed on the twenty-fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, entitled "an act establishing a free bridge in the city of Boston," be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

Repeal of St. 1825, c. 115.

March 4, 1826.

[1830, 121; 1831, 46; 1855, 406; 1869, 194.]

## 1825. — CHAPTER 182.

### AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That the city council of the city of Boston be, and hereby are, authorized to erect a building in said city, for the reception, instruction, employment, and reformation of such juvenile offenders as are hereinafter named; or to use, for these purposes, the house of industry, or correction, at South Boston, or any other house or building belonging to said city, that the city council may appropriate to these uses.

City of Boston may erect a house for the reformation of juvenile offenders. R.O. c. 33, § 2; c. 63.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the directors of the said house of industry, or such other persons as said city council shall appoint as directors of said house, for the employment and reformation of juvenile offenders, shall have power, at their discretion, to receive and take into said house all such children who shall be convicted of criminal offences, or taken up and committed under and by virtue of an act of this commonwealth, "for suppressing and punishing of rogues, vagabonds, common beggars, and other idle, disorderly, and lewd persons," and who may, in the judgment of any justice of the supreme judicial court, sitting within and for the county of Suffolk, or of the judge of the municipal court of the city of Boston, or of any justice of the police court, within and for the city of Boston, be proper objects therefor; and upon the conviction or commitment [as], aforesaid, of any child, in the judgment of such judge or justice, a proper object for the said house of employment and reformation, the said judge or justice, previously to declaring the sentence of the law on such child, shall cause notice to be given to the directors of the said house; and in case the said directors shall declare their assent to the admission of such child into said house, the said judge or justice shall sentence him or her to be committed to said house of employment and reformation, subject to the control of the directors thereof, in conformity with the provisions of this act.

Directors for the reformation of juvenile offenders and their powers. 1857, 35. F.S. 220, § 20.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that any justice or judge of either of the said courts respectively, on the application of the mayor, or of any alderman of the city of Boston, or of any director of the house of industry, or house of reformation, or of any overseer of the poor of said city, shall have power to sentence to said house of employment and reformation all children who live an idle or dissolute life, whose parents are dead, or, if living, from drunkenness or other vices, neglect to provide any suitable employment, or exercise any

Courts may sentence children to house of reformation.

salutary control over said children. And the persons thus committed shall be kept, governed, and disposed of as hereinafter provided, the males till they are of the age of twenty-one years, and the females of eighteen years.

Directors may place children at service.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that the directors of said house of industry, or such other persons as said city council shall appoint directors of the institution, authorized by this act, may receive the persons, sentenced and committed as aforesaid, into said institution, and they shall have power to place the persons committed to their care, the males until they arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and the females until they arrive at the age of eighteen years, at such employments, and to cause them to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as shall be suitable to their years and capacity; and they shall have power to bind out said minors as apprentices or servants, until they arrive at the ages aforesaid, to such persons, and at such places, to learn such arts, trades, and employments, as in their judgment will be most for reformation, amendment, and future benefit and advantage, of such minors. And the provisions of an act entitled "an act providing for the relief and support, employment, and removal, of the poor, and for repealing all former laws made for these purposes," passed the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, contained in the fourth, fifth, and sixth sections thereof, so far as they relate to binding out children as servants or apprentices, are adopted as a part of this act; and the directors specified in this act shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of the overseers of the poor, as set forth in the sections aforesaid of the act aforesaid; and the master or mistress, servant and apprentice, bound out as aforesaid, shall have all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, set forth in the sections aforesaid of the act aforesaid.

Minors may be discharged.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that whenever said directors, overseers, or managers, shall deem it expedient to discharge any minor, committed to their charge as aforesaid, and not bound out as a servant or apprentice, and shall recommend the same in writing to the court by whom such minor was committed, said court shall have power to discharge him or her from the imprisonment or custody aforesaid.

Courts may transfer children committed to the common gaol.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, that the said judge, or either of the said justices, on the application of either of the persons mentioned in the third section of this act, shall have power to order the transfer of any child committed to the common gaol, or the house of correction, and inmates of the same, at the time of passing this act, to the said house for the employment and reformation of juvenile offenders, to be received, kept, or bound out by the directors thereof in conformity with the provisions of this act.

City may establish more than one house of correction.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall be lawful for the said city council, at their discretion, to establish within said city two or more houses of correction, to be houses of correction for the county of Suffolk; and it shall be lawful for the mayor and aldermen of said city to transfer persons held under sentence in either of said houses, to any other of said houses, when, in their opinion, the health, moral improvement, or beneficial employment, of such persons will be promoted thereby.

March 4, 1826.

## 1826. — CHAPTER 111.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT CONCERNING  
THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."*Be it enacted, etc. :*

That the directors of the house of industry, in the city of Boston, shall have and exercise all the powers, and perform all the duties, relative to paupers, and the binding out of children and other persons committed to said house of industry for support, as the overseers of the poor of the several towns in this commonwealth now have and exercise, in relation to paupers and the binding out of children, and other persons, under and by virtue of the several laws of this commonwealth; and all acts of said directors shall impose the same duties, liabilities, and obligations, on all judicial tribunals, on the city of Boston aforesaid, and on the several towns and individuals of this commonwealth, as the same acts would impose if done and performed in the same manner by the overseers of the poor of the several towns in this commonwealth.

Directors empowered to bind out children.

March 5, 1827

[1822, 56; 1833, 126; 1857, 35.]

## 1829. — CHAPTER 44.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION OF THE BOSTON  
FIRE DEPARTMENT.*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That Edward G. Prescott, George Dearborn, and Jonathan A. Davis, with their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated, by the name of the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department, for the purpose of affording relief to such of their members as may at any time receive injury in the discharge of their duties, as members of the Boston fire department, or to their families, in the event of their decease, and by that name may sue and be sued, and may have and use a common seal.

Persons incorporated. 1874, 343.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the said corporation may receive and take by purchase, grant, devise, bequest, or donation, any real or personal property, and hold the same for the purposes aforesaid, and may manage and dispose of the same according to their discretion: *provided*, that the whole amount of the real and personal property held and possessed by the said corporation shall never exceed in value, at any one time, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Real and personal estate.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the said corporation may make and establish such by-laws and regulations, for the government of said corporation, as they may think proper: *provided*, the same are not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this commonwealth; and may choose and elect all necessary and convenient officers, who shall have such powers and authority as the said corporation may think proper to prescribe and grant to them, and who shall be elected in such manner, and for such periods of time, as the by-laws of said corporation may direct.

By-laws.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that Edward G. Prescott, above named, be hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by causing a notification thereof to be published, two weeks successively, in any two of the newspapers printed in the city of Boston.

First meeting.

Legislative control.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that this act may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of the legislature.

February 13, 1830.

[1838, 131; 1874, 343.]

## 1830. — CHAPTER 121.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may build wharves to preserve bridge.

SECTION 1. That the city of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized to construct and maintain such wharves or piers on either or both sides of the free bridge, mentioned in the act to which this is in addition, as shall be necessary for the preservation and safety of said bridge; *provided, however*, that the said wharves or piers shall not extend in width, from the sides of said bridge, more than twenty-five feet.

Penalty for malicious injury, etc.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that, if any person shall wilfully do any injury or damage to said bridge, said wharves or piers, or shall disturb or hinder the said city in the occupation of said wharves or piers, for the purpose aforesaid, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a penalty not less than fifty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, to the use of the commonwealth, to be recovered by indictment or information, in any court of competent jurisdiction; and such person so offending shall be further liable to answer in damages to the city of Boston: *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed as intended to impair or affect the lawful rights of any person whatsoever.

Wharves to be used for no other purposes.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that whenever the wharves or piers erected, or which shall be erected, by the authority of this act, shall be used or improved for any other purpose or purposes than those herein specified, all right and authority to maintain them shall cease and be void.

March 18, 1831.

[1825, 147; 1831, 46; 1855, 406; 1869, 194.]

## 1831. — CHAPTER 17.

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL ACTS REGULATING THE PAVING OF STREETS IN BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Surveyors of highways may order any street to be macadamized.

That the surveyors of highways of the city of Boston, whenever they shall judge it expedient, may order any street of said city to be macadamized, and the several provisions of an act entitled "an act to regulate the paving of streets in the town of Boston, and for removing obstructions in the same," passed on the twenty-second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and of the several acts in addition thereto, shall be deemed and taken to apply to streets ordered to be macadamized, as well as to streets ordered to be paved in said city, and the macadamizing of any of said streets shall, to all intents and purposes of said several acts, be deemed equivalent to the paving of the same, and shall create the same liabilities in all respects, under the said several acts, as would be created under them by the paving of such streets.

June 13, 1831.

[1799, 31; 1804, 73; 1809, 28; 1816, 90; 1833, 128.]

1831.—CHAPTER 46.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.”

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

That no part of the wharves or piers which the city of Boston is authorized to construct, by virtue of an act passed on the eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, entitled “an act in addition to an act establishing a free bridge in the city of Boston,” shall be maintained within the distance of forty feet of any wharf or pier which shall have been, or may hereafter be, lawfully constructed by any individual or individuals.

Wharves and piers.

June 20, 1831.

[1825, 147; 1830, 121; 1855, 406; 1869, 194.]

1831.—CHAPTER 71.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED “AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROPRIETORS OF BOSTON SOUTH BRIDGE.”

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That the proprietors of the Boston South Bridge are hereby authorized and empowered to sell, assign, and transfer, to the city of Boston, the franchise and materials of said Boston South Bridge, to have and to hold the same to the said city and its successors forever: *provided*, that no toll or duty shall ever be exacted or paid for any travel over said bridge, or passing the draw of the same, and the said city shall always be held liable to keep said bridge in good repair, and to raise the draw of said bridge, and afford all necessary and proper accommodation to vessels that have occasion to pass the same by night or by day, and shall keep said bridge sufficiently lighted.<sup>1</sup>

Transfer of bridge to the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that, if, on or before the fifteenth day of September next, the said city of Boston shall not pay to the proprietors of the Boston South Bridge such sum as may be agreed on between them and the city of Boston, and receive a transfer or assignment of the franchise and materials of said bridge, according to the provisions of the first section of this act, then, and in such case, the said proprietors of Boston South Bridge are hereby authorized to surrender the franchise of said bridge to this commonwealth, at any time within six months after said fifteenth day of September next, by a formal deed of surrender duly executed and filed in the office of the secretary of this commonwealth, and that from and after the day of such surrender, the said corporation shall be dissolved, and exist no longer as a body corporate, excepting for the purpose of suing and being sued for recovery of debts due unto or from said proprietors.

Payment of money and transfer of bridge.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that so much of the act, to which this act is in addition, as is incompatible with the provisions of this act, be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

Repeal.

June 23, 1831.

<sup>1</sup> By deed dated April 19, 1832, the city purchased this bridge, together with the buildings, rights, wharves, and real estate, of “the proprietors of the Boston South Bridge,” a corporation created by St. 1843, c. 13. (Suffolk Deeds, lib. 380, fol. 50.) The bridge is now called the Dover-street bridge. See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), p. 68.



## 1833. — CHAPTER 126.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL ACTS "CONCERNING A HOUSE OF INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City council  
empowered to  
appoint direc-  
tors.  
1857, 35, § 1.

SECTION 1. That the city council of the city of Boston are hereby empowered, whenever they deem it expedient, to appoint, by current ballot in each board, a sufficient number of persons, not exceeding twelve, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, to be directors of the house of industry in the said city, who shall hold their office for the term of one year, and until others are appointed in their place; and said city council are further empowered, in like manner, to fill all vacancies which may occur in said board of directors, during the year for which it is appointed. And said directors may appoint a superintendent, and any other officers necessary for the government of said house, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, prescribed to said board, by virtue of the several acts to which this is in addition.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the provisions of any previous act, which are inconsistent with this, be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

March 16, 1833.

[1822, 56; 1826, 111; 1857, 35.]

## 1833. — CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL ACTS RESPECTING THE STREETS OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City council may  
empower sur-  
veyors of high-  
ways to regulate  
sidewalks.  
R.O. c. 26, § 62.

That the city council of the city of Boston, may, from time to time, by any ordinance or ordinances, empower the surveyors of highways of said city so to regulate the width and height of the sidewalks of any public squares, places, streets, lanes, or alleys, in said city, as shall, in the judgment of said surveyors, be most conducive to the convenience and interest of said city, any law of the commonwealth to the contrary notwithstanding; and may also empower said surveyors to accept such sidewalks, after the same shall be put in good and perfect repair by the abutters on said squares, places, streets, lanes, and alleys, and after the same shall have been relinquished in writing to the said city by such abutters; and may also order that, after such relinquishment, such sidewalks may be maintained at the expense of said city.

March 16, 1833.

[1799, 31; 1809, 28.]

## 1833. — CHAPTER 151.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE STORAGE, SAFE-KEEPING, AND TRANSPORTATION OF GUNPOWDER IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Gunpowder not  
to be kept with-  
out license.  
P.S. 102, §§ 56  
et seq.

SECTION 1. That no person, except on military duty in the public service of the United States, or of this commonwealth, shall keep, have, or possess, in any building, or in any place, or in any carriage, or on any wharf, or on board of any ship or other vessel, within two

<sup>1</sup> The preceding acts herein referred to, having been repealed or superseded, are omitted.

hundred yards of any wharf, or of the main land, in the city of Boston, gunpowder in any quantity exceeding one pound, in any way or manner, other than by this act, and by the rules and regulations hereinafter mentioned, may be permitted and allowed. And all gunpowder had, kept, or possessed, contrary to the provisions of this act, and of such rules and regulations, shall be forfeited, and liable to be seized and proceeded against in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to sell gunpowder, which may, at the time, be within the city of Boston, in any quantity, without first having obtained, from the engineers of said city, a license, signed by the chief engineer, or by the secretary of the board of engineers, on which shall be written, or printed, a copy of the rules and regulations by them established, relative to keeping, selling, and transporting gunpowder within said city, and every such license shall be in force for one year from the date thereof, unless annulled by the board of engineers, and no longer; but such license may, prior to the expiration of that term, be renewed by the chief engineer, or the said secretary, from year to year, by endorsement thereon: *provided, always*, that the board of engineers may rescind any such license, if in their opinion the person or persons have disobeyed the law, or infringed any rules and regulations established by said board of engineers. And every person, who shall receive a license to sell gunpowder as aforesaid, shall pay for the same the sum of *five dollars*, — and for the renewal thereof the sum of *one dollar*, — which sums shall be paid to the board of engineers, for their use for the purpose of defraying the expenses of carrying this act into execution.

Licenses, &c.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the board of engineers of the city of Boston may establish rules and regulations, from time to time, relative to the times and places at which gunpowder may be brought to or carried from said city by land or water, the times when, and manner in which, the same may be transported through the said city, to direct and regulate the kind of carriages and boats, in which the same may be so brought to, carried from and through, said city, and to direct the manner in which gunpowder may be kept by licensed dealers and other persons, and to direct and require all such precautions as may appear to them needful and salutary to guard against danger in the keeping and transportation of gunpowder.

Rules and regulations.

SECT. 4. [Repealed by St. 1837, c. 99.]

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that all gunpowder, which shall be kept, had, or possessed, within the city of Boston, or brought into or transported through the same, contrary to the provisions of this act, and to the rules and regulations made as aforesaid, may be seized and taken into custody by any one or more of the engineers of said city, and the same shall, within twenty days next after the seizure thereof, be libelled, by filing, in the office of the clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston, a libel, stating the time, place, and cause, of such seizure, a copy of which libel, or the substance thereof, together with a summons or notice, which such clerk is hereby authorized to issue, shall be served on the person or persons in whose custody or possession such gunpowder shall have been seized, if such person be an inhabitant of the commonwealth, by delivering a copy thereof to such person or persons, or leaving such a copy at his, her or their usual place of abode, fourteen days at least before the sitting of the court, at which the same is to be heard, that such person or persons may appear and show cause why the gunpowder so seized and taken should not be adjudged forfeit. And if the gunpowder so seized shall be adjudged forfeit, the person or persons, in whose custody or

Penalty for selling without license.  
Gunpowder may be seized, &c.  
1 Met. 225.

Proviso.

possession the same was seized, or the occupant or tenant of the place wherein the same was so seized, shall pay all costs of prosecution, and execution shall be issued therefor: *provided*, that it appear to the court that such person or persons had notice of such prosecution by service as aforesaid, and in case the person or persons in whose custody or possession such gunpowder may be seized, shall be unknown to the engineer or engineers making such seizure, or in case such gunpowder, at the time of seizure, may not be in the custody or possession of any person, or if it shall appear by the return of the officer that such person cannot be found, or has no place of abode in this commonwealth, then said court shall and may proceed to adjudication thereon. And such libel or summons, and also such writ of execution for costs, shall and may be served and executed in any county in this commonwealth, and by any officer competent to execute civil process in like cases.

Fine for rescuing gunpowder, or attempting to rescue it.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, that any person or persons, who shall rescue, or attempt to rescue, any gunpowder seized as aforesaid, or shall aid or assist therein, or who shall counsel and advise, or procure the same to be done, or who shall molest, hinder, or obstruct any engineer in such seizure, or in conveying gunpowder so seized to a place of safety, shall forfeit and pay a fine for each offence of not less than one hundred dollars, and not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be sued for and recovered by action of the case, by any person or persons who shall sue for the same, in any court proper to try the same; and it is hereby made the duty of all persons to aid and assist such engineer or engineers in executing the duties hereby required.

Engineers may enter stores, etc., to search for gunpowder.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, that the said engineers, or any of them, may enter the store or place of any person or persons licensed to sell gunpowder, to examine and ascertain if the laws, rules, and regulations, relating thereto are strictly observed; and, on an alarm of fire, may cause the powder there deposited to be removed, or destroyed, as the case may require; and it shall be lawful for any one or more of the engineers of said city to enter any dwelling-house or other place in the city of Boston to search for gunpowder, first having obtained from a justice of the police court in said city a search warrant therefor, which warrant the justices of said court are hereby authorized to issue, upon the complaint of such engineer or engineers, supported by his or their oath.

Persons suffering by explosion may have an action of the case, etc.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, that any person who shall suffer injury by the explosion of any gunpowder, had, kept, or transported, within the city of Boston, contrary to the provisions of this act, and of the rules and regulations established as aforesaid, may have an action of the case in any court proper to try the same, against the owner or owners of such gunpowder, or against any other person or persons who may have had the possession or custody of such gunpowder, at the time of the explosion thereof, to recover reasonable damages for the injury thus sustained.

Rules and regulations.

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall be the duty of the engineers of the city of Boston to cause all such rules and regulations as they may make and publish, by virtue of the authority given by this act, to be published in two or more newspapers printed in the city of Boston, and to cause such publication to be continued three weeks successively for the information and government of all persons concerned.

Fines, how recovered.

SECT. 10. *Be it further enacted*, that all fines, penalties, and forfeitures, which may arise and accrue under this act, shall and may be prosecuted for and recovered, either in the manner hereinbefore specially provided, or by indictment, complaint, or information, in any court proper to try the same. And this act shall be taken and deemed

to be a public act, of which all courts, magistrates, and citizens, are bound to take notice as such; and in any libel, action, indictment, information, or complaint, upon this act, it shall not be necessary to set forth any more of the same than so much thereof as relates to, and may be necessary truly and substantially to describe, the offence alleged to have been committed.

SECT. 11. [Repealed by St. 1837, c. 99.]

Fines, how ap-  
propriated.  
Repeal.

SECT. 12. *Be it further enacted*, that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the passing thereof, and that all acts and parts of acts, heretofore passed, which are inconsistent with, or repugnant to, the provisions of this act, be, and the same are, hereby repealed: *provided, however*, that the same shall continue in force, for the purpose of prosecuting all offences which may have been committed prior to the passing of this act, in the same manner, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had not been repealed: *and provided, further*, that all rules and regulations, made and established by the engineers of said city, under and by virtue of the provisions of such former acts, shall continue to have the same force and effect, until altered or annulled by said engineers, as if this act had not been passed.

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March 25, 1833.

[1837, 99; 1841, 58; 1882, 269.]

## 1834. — CHAPTER 102.

AN ACT TO SET OFF THOMPSON'S ISLAND FROM THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER, AND TO ANNEX THE SAME TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That Thompson's island, lying in the harbor of Boston, and heretofore a part of the town of Dorchester, with the inhabitants thereon, is hereby annexed to the city of Boston in the county of Suffolk; and said island shall hereafter be considered and deemed to be a part of the city of Boston: *provided*, that the said island shall revert to the town of Dorchester in one year after it shall cease, by the voluntary act of the proprietors, to be used for the purposes of a farm school, or other charitable public purposes, and shall be appropriated to any other use: *and provided, also*, that nothing in this act contained shall destroy or affect any lawful right that the inhabitants of the said town of Dorchester may now have to dig and take clams on the banks of said island.

Thompson's Isl-  
and annexed to  
the city of Bos-  
ton.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that said island shall be exempted from taxation, so long as it shall continue to be appropriated to the use of the Boston farm school, or to any similar public charity.

Taxation.

March 25, 1834.

## 1834. — CHAPTER 130.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROPRIETORS OF CHELSEA FREE BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That Benjamin T. Reed, Amos Binney, John Henshaw, and their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate, by the name of The Proprietors of Chelsea Free Bridge.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that said corporation is hereby authorized to build a bridge across Chelsea creek, from the northerly side of Noddle's island, in the harbor of Boston, to the farm of Benjamin Shurtleff, in Chelsea; which bridge shall be well built, of

Piers.

Forfeiture for  
detaining ves-  
sels.

Proviso.

Corporation to  
give bond to the  
commonwealth.Time for build-  
ing the bridge.

good and sufficient materials, not less than twenty-five feet wide, with sufficient railings for the protection of passengers, with a good and sufficient draw not less than twenty-five feet wide; which draw shall, at all times, on demand, be raised for the passage of vessels that cannot pass under said bridge, and said bridge shall be furnished with proper piers on both sides, above and below, for the accommodation of vessels passing through the same. And, in case any such vessel, about to pass said bridge, shall be detained more than one hour, the corporation shall forfeit and pay to the owner or owners of such vessel, a sum not less than three dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in any court proper to try the same. And no toll shall be demanded of any person or persons who shall pass over said bridge: *provided, always*, that if, at any time hereafter, the proprietors of said bridge shall lay out, or cause to be laid out and made, any road from the Chelsea end of said bridge to any road whatsoever, within the limits of the town of Chelsea, the inhabitants of said town shall never be chargeable with any cost or expense whatsoever, for the laying out, making, repairing, or maintaining, such road: *and provided, also*, that said corporation shall not build said bridge, until a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the treasurer of this commonwealth, in the penal sum of three thousand dollars, shall be filed in the office of said treasurer, conditioned to pay all penalties and forfeitures that may be incurred within the meaning and intent of this act; and said corporation shall be liable for all damages to travellers over said bridge, happening through any defect of the same, in the same way and manner as towns are liable for defects in public highways and bridges, and the condition of the bond hereinbefore mentioned shall also provide for the payment of all damages which may be so sustained.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that if said corporation shall neglect for the space of three years after the passing of this act to build said bridge, then this act shall be void.<sup>1</sup>

March 28, 1834.

[1849, 109.]

## 1834. — CHAPTER 168.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISLANDS AND BEACHES IN THE HARBOR OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*Penalty for car-  
rying away  
earth, gravel,  
etc.  
11 Met. 55.

SECTION 1. That if any person shall wilfully carry away from any island within the harbor of Boston, or from any beach adjacent thereto, any earth, gravel, stone, or other material, composing such island or beach, without the consent of the owner thereof, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, to the use of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than five dollars, to be recovered by indictment in any court competent to try the same: *provided*, that this act shall not be construed to prevent the taking of shell-fish from such islands and beaches.

Penalty for  
building a fire  
on Spectacle is-  
land.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that if any person shall wilfully build a fire on Spectacle island, in the harbor aforesaid, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof, such person shall suffer the like forfeiture, and to be recovered and appropriated in like manner as is provided in the first section of this act.

March 31, 1834.

<sup>1</sup> See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), p. 73.

## 1835. — CHAPTER 100.

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROPRIETORS OF CHELSEA-POINT BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That Joseph Burrill, Joseph Belcher, John W. Tewksbury, and their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Proprietors of Chelsea-Point Bridge. Persons incorpo-  
rated.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that said corporation is hereby authorized to build a bridge from the westerly side of Pulling Point, in the town of Chelsea, to the easterly side of Belle Isle, lying within the limits of the city of Boston, across the creek running between the two places aforesaid; which bridge shall be well built, of good and sufficient materials, not less than twenty feet wide, with sufficient railings for the protection of passengers. And no toll shall be demanded of any person or persons who shall pass over said bridge, and said corporation shall be liable for all damages to travellers over said bridge, happening through any defect of the same, in the same way and manner as towns are liable for all defects in public highways and bridges. Location of  
bridge.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that if said corporation shall neglect, for the space of three years after the passing of this act, to build said bridge, then this act shall be void. Condition of this  
act.

April 1, 1835.

[1849, 106.]

## 1837. — CHAPTER 99.

## AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE STORAGE, SAFE-KEEPING, AND TRANSPORTATION OF GUNPOWDER IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Any person who shall keep, have, or possess, any gunpowder within the city of Boston, contrary to the provisions of the act to which this act is in addition, or to the rules and regulations of the board of engineers therein mentioned, or who shall sell any gunpowder in said city, without having a license therefor, or contrary to such license, or the rules and regulations aforesaid, shall forfeit a sum not less than one hundred dollars, and not exceeding five hundred dollars, for each offence; and if any gunpowder, kept contrary to the provisions of the act aforesaid, or to such license, or to the rules and regulations aforesaid, shall explode in any building, or on board of any ship or other vessel, or in any place in said city, the occupant, tenant, or owner, of which has not then a license to keep and sell gunpowder therein, such occupant, tenant, or owner, shall forfeit a sum not less than one hundred dollars, and not exceeding one thousand dollars for each offence. Forfeiture for  
keeping or sell-  
ing gunpowder  
contrary to law.

SECT. 2 The several fines, penalties, and forfeitures, mentioned in this act, and in the act to which this is in addition, shall enure to the sole use of the board of engineers of the fire department of the said city of Boston: *provided, however*, that whenever on the trial of any prosecution under the said acts, any one or more of the said engineers shall be sworn and examined as a witness on behalf of the prosecution, a record thereof shall be made in court, and, in such case, the fine, penalty, or forfeiture, shall enure to the use of the poor of the city of Boston, to be paid over to the overseers of the poor thereof. Forfeiture in  
case of explo-  
sion.

Use of fines and  
forfeitures.

Repeal.

SECT. 3. The fourth and eleventh sections of the act to which this is in addition, are hereby repealed.

March 28, 1837.

[1833, 151; 1841, 58; 1882, 269.]

## 1837. — CHAPTER 229.

AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE HARBOR OF BOSTON, AND TO PREVENT ENCROACHMENTS THEREIN.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Line in the harbor established.

SECTION 1. The line hereinafter described, from the free bridge in the harbor of Boston to Warren bridge in said harbor, shall be, and the same is hereby, established as one of the lines in said harbor, beyond which no wharf or pier shall ever hereafter be extended into and over the tide water of the commonwealth.

Boundary line described.

SECT. 2. The said line begins at the east end of the north abutment of the free bridge, and runs straight to the southerly corner of Brown's wharf; thence, by the end of the same, and of Wright's four wharves, fronting on the channel, to the east corner of Wright's north-east wharf; thence, on a straight line, to the south corner of Wales' wharf, and by the end of the east angle of the same; thence, from this last point, straight to the east corner of Russia wharf; thence, to the south angle of Fort Hill wharf straight, and by the end of the wharf to the east corner; thence to the south corner of Arch wharf the line is straight; the line then follows the end of the last, and Otis' wharf to the east corner of the last; the direction is then, straight to the south-east angle of Foster's south wharf; then, straight to the south corner of Rowe's wharf. From this point in a straight direction to the south corner of Long wharf; thence, straight to the south angle of the advanced part of the said wharf, and by the end of the same to the east corner thereof; thence, the line is straight to the east end of Union wharf. From the last point, straight to the south-east corner of Battery wharf. Here the next three lines commence to advance further into deep water than the following wharves, to the west corner of Gray's, and are thus drawn through the south-east angle of Battery and the west corner of Gray's wharf; a circular arc is struck, with a radius of twelve hundred feet, and three equal chords of four hundred and seventy feet are drawn upon this arc; then, from Battery wharf, the line is northerly four hundred and seventy feet, forming an angle of twenty-seven degrees and fifteen minutes with the chord of the said arc. From the end of the last, the line is also four hundred and seventy feet long, and parallel with the said chord. From the end of the last-mentioned line the line is four hundred and seventy feet to the west corner of Gray's wharf, forming the same angle with the chord of the whole arc as that from Battery wharf. From Gray's, the line is straight to the north corner of Vinal's wharf. The line then passes along the end of this and Brown's wharf to the west corner of the last; thence, straight, crossing Charles-river bridge to the north-east corner of Trull's wharf; thence, the line is straight, to the south abutment of Warren bridge. Which said line thus described is part of the line reported by commissioners appointed under the resolve, passed the fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to survey the harbor of Boston, and by

<sup>1</sup>The lines of Boston harbor are shown on plans kept in the state library and in the office of the harbor and land commissioners of the commonwealth, under a provision that the public shall have a right to examine them. (St. 1880, c. 170, § 4.) The following acts establishing such lines are here referred to, but are not printed in this volume: Sts. 1840, 35; 1841, 60; 1847, 234, 278; 1848, 204; 1860, 216, 317; 1851, 254; 1853, 385; 1855, 310; 1856, 293; 1860, 176; 1864, 310; 1871, 335; 1872, 351; 1873, 231, 232, 268, 332; 1874, 302; 1877, 116; 1878, 177; 1880, 170; 1882, 48.

said commissioners drawn and defined on plans by them taken, and deposited in the library, excepting that the line herein described and intended, varies from the line of said commissioners by crossing Charles-river bridge in a straight line from Brown's wharf to Trull's wharf, as above expressed.

SECT. 3. No wharf, pier, or building, or incumbrance of any kind, shall ever hereafter be extended beyond the said line into or over the tide water in said harbor. Extension of wharves, etc., limited.

SECT. 4. No person shall enlarge or extend any wharf or pier, which is now erected on the inner side of said line, further towards the said line than such wharf or pier now stands, or than the same might have been lawfully enlarged or extended before the passing of this act, without leave first obtained from the legislature. No wharf, etc., to be extended without leave of legislature.

SECT. 5. No person shall, in any other part of the said harbor of Boston, belonging to the commonwealth, erect or cause to be erected any wharf or pier, or begin to erect any wharf or pier therein, or place any stones, wood, or other materials, in said harbor, or dig down or remove any of the land covered with water at low tide, in said harbor, with intent to erect any wharf or pier therein, or to enlarge or extend any wharf or pier now erected: *provided, however*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrain or control the lawful rights of the owners of any lands or flats in said harbor. No wharf, etc., to be erected in the harbor.

SECT. 6. Every person offending against the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to be prosecuted therefor, by indictment or information, in any court of competent jurisdiction, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine not less than one thousand dollars, nor more than five thousand dollars, for every offence, and any erection or obstruction which shall be made, contrary to the provisions and intent of this act, shall be liable to be removed and abated as a public nuisance, in the manner heretofore provided for the removal and abatement of nuisances on the public highways. Offences against this act, how punished.

SECT. 7. No ashes, cinders, or other rubbish, or materials of any description shall be put or thrown out of any steamboat in the harbor of Boston above Fort Independence, under a penalty of ten dollars for each offence. No ashes to be thrown into the harbor.

SECT. 8. This act shall go into operation from and after the passing of the same.

April 19, 1837.

## 1838. — CHAPTER 131.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION OF THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Every member of the Boston fire department shall, at all times hereafter, have a right to be admitted a member of the "Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department;" also all the members of the Veteran Association of the Boston Fire Department, who shall have been, for the term of seven successive years, members of said fire department, shall have the right of becoming members of the said "Charitable Association," by producing to the secretary of the association sufficient evidence of membership, subscribing to the constitution of the association, and paying to the treasurer such sum, not exceeding one dollar, as the association shall, from time to time, direct; which payment shall be in full for the annual contribution of the current year. Persons who may become members.

On what terms.  
1874, 348, § 2.



Treasurer to invest funds.

Income of investment, how to be applied.

Treasurer may add donations to fund.

Provisions in former act inconsistent with this repealed.

SECT. 2. The treasurer of said association is hereby authorized and required, after paying the debts of the association, to invest with the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for a term not exceeding thirty years, the residue of the available funds of the association, not exceeding the sum of three thousand dollars; and the income thereof shall be applied, by the trustees of said association, for the time being, at their discretion, to the relief or assistance of any member of the association, or his family, or of any past member, who has belonged to said fire department for five years, and has been honorably discharged therefrom; and any cause of distress, in these cases, shall be considered as entitled to the attention of the board of trustees.

SECT. 3. The association shall have the right to add to the fund provided for in the second section of this act, all such donations as may be given for that purpose, and to place at the disposal of the trustees, to be appropriated to the purposes contemplated by said second section, such further sums as they may, from time to time, see fit, not to exceed one-tenth part of the whole annual income of the association.

SECT. 4. All provisions contained in the act to incorporate the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department, passed February thirteenth, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty, to which this act is in addition, inconsistent with the foregoing provisions, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 17, 1838.

[1829, 44; 1874, 843.]

## 1839. — CHAPTER 131.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOSTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

City council authorized to erect hospital.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston are hereby authorized to erect and maintain a hospital, for the reception of insane persons not furiously mad; and provision shall be made for the comfortable support of all persons confined therein.

Repealed by St. 1851, c. 243.

[SECT. 2. The said city council shall appoint a superintendent, who shall be a physician, and constantly reside at said hospital.]

Amended by St. 1851, c. 243.

SECT. 3. The said city council shall have power to pass such ordinances as they may deem expedient for conducting, in a proper manner, the business of the institution, and for appointing such other officers as, in their opinion, may be necessary.

Who shall be inspectors, and their duties.

SECT. 4. The inspectors of prisons for the county of Suffolk shall be inspectors of said hospital, and shall perform the like duties in relation to it that they are now by law required to perform in relation to the prisons in said county.

Provision for commitments by judge of municipal court.

SECT. 5. [Whenever it shall appear, on application in writing to the judge of the municipal court in the city of Boston, that any person is insane, not being furiously mad, the said judge is hereby authorized to order the confinement of such person in the said hospital: *provided*, that, upon the request of such person, the question of his sanity shall be tried by a jury in said court. Such sum per week shall be allowed and paid, for the support of every such person confined as aforesaid, as the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston shall direct; and if, in any case, there shall be no parent, kindred, master, guardian, town, or city, obliged by law to maintain the person so confined, and if he have no means of supporting himself, the same sum shall be paid

Support of inmates. Repealed by 1840, 70, § 4.

out of the treasury of the commonwealth for his support, as may be allowed for other lunatics or insane state paupers; and any person, committed as aforesaid by said judge, may at any time be discharged, when, in his opinion, such discharge would be for the benefit of the person so confined, or when, in his opinion, such person would be comfortably supported by any parent, kindred, friends, master, or guardian, or by any town or city in which such person may have a legal settlement; and the said judge, jury, and other officers, and all witnesses, shall receive the same fees and compensation for services performed, and for attendance and travel, as are allowed by law for like services in criminal proceedings, to be taxed, allowed, and paid in the same manner.]

Discharge thereof.

SECT. 6. All insane persons who are now confined in the house of correction or the house of industry in said city, or may hereafter be subject to confinement therein, and all lunatics, idiots, and other patients, who shall be removed from the state lunatic hospital at Worcester, to the city of Boston, by the trustees thereof, by virtue of the fourteenth and fifteenth sections of the forty-eighth chapter of the revised statutes, shall hereafter be confined in the said Boston lunatic hospital.

What persons shall be confined in the hospital.

SECT. 7. Any lunatic or insane person, who may be confined in said hospital, upon his removal from the state lunatic hospital, as provided in the preceding section, may be discharged therefrom by the mayor and aldermen of said city, whenever the cause of confinement shall have ceased to exist; and said mayor and aldermen, whenever, in their opinion, such lunatic or insane person can in such manner be more comfortably provided for, and the safety of the public will not be endangered thereby, may provide for his custody and support in other places than in said hospital, the said lunatic or insane person still continuing subject to the order and direction of the said mayor and aldermen; or said mayor and aldermen may deliver him to the custody and care of any city or town in which he may have a legal settlement. The expense of so providing for such lunatic or insane person shall be reimbursed in the same manner, and recovered by the same remedies as are provided in the sixteenth section of the forty-eighth chapter of the revised statutes: *provided*, that in no case shall the sum charged for such provision exceed two dollars and fifty cents per week.

Discharge of lunatics received from state hospital.

SECT. 8. All laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

When to take effect.

April 8, 1839.

[1840, 79; 1851, 243; 1857, 281, 302.]

## 1840. — CHAPTER 79.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOSTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall be made to appear, on application, in writing, to the police court<sup>1</sup> of the city of Boston, that any person is insane, not being furiously mad, and is either chargeable or likely to become chargeable to the city or the state; or, being furiously mad, has his legal settlement in and is chargeable to said city, the said police court are hereby authorized to order the confinement of such person in the said Boston lunatic hospital, saving to the person complained against the right to appeal from such order to the mu-

Insane persons may be sent to the hospital by order of police court, saving the right of appeal to municipal court, etc. 1857, 302.

<sup>1</sup> Now the municipal court.

municipal court<sup>1</sup> of the city of Boston, as is now allowed from other judgments of said police court, by law. And, upon his appeal, the question of his sanity shall, upon his request therefor, be tried by a jury in said court. If, on such appeal, it shall be made to appear that such person is insane as aforesaid, and is, or is likely to be, chargeable as aforesaid, the said municipal court shall affirm the judgment of the said police court, with additional costs, and issue a warrant for his commitment according to law; otherwise such person shall be discharged.

Persons applying for the commitment of lunatics to give notice to mayor.

SECT. 2. Any person who shall apply for the commitment of any lunatic, under the provisions of the preceding section, shall first give notice in writing to the mayor of the city of Boston, of his intention to make such application; and satisfactory evidence that such notice has been given shall be produced to the said police court, at the time of making such application. And the said police court may order any further notice of such application to be given to the person complained of, or to any other person or persons in his behalf, as they shall deem to be necessary or reasonable.

Provisions concerning discharged persons confined in the hospital.

SECT. 3.<sup>2</sup> Any person committed to said hospital by either of the courts as aforesaid, and any person who may be confined in said hospital, upon his removal from the state lunatic hospital, as provided in the sixth section of the act, to which this is an addition, may at any time be discharged therefrom by the mayor and aldermen of the said city of Boston, whenever the cause of confinement shall have ceased to exist, or when, in the opinion of the said mayor and aldermen, such discharge would be for the benefit of the person so confined, or when in their opinion such person would be comfortably supported by any parent, kindred, friends, master, or guardian, or by any town or city in which said person may have a legal settlement. And said mayor and aldermen, whenever in their opinion such lunatic or insane person can in such manner be more comfortably provided for, and the safety of the public will not be endangered thereby, may provide for his custody and support in other places than in said hospital, the said lunatic or insane person still continuing subject to the order and direction of the said mayor and aldermen; or, said mayor and aldermen may deliver him to the custody and care of any city or town in which he may have a legal settlement. The expense of so providing for such lunatic or insane person shall be reimbursed in the same manner and recovered by the same remedies as are provided in the sixteenth section<sup>3</sup> of the forty-eighth chapter of the revised statutes: *provided*, that in no case shall the sum charged for such provision exceed two dollars and fifty cents per week.

Repeal, in part, of 1839, 131.

SECT. 4. So much of the one hundred and thirty-first chapter of the statutes of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, as relates to the commitment of persons to the said Boston lunatic hospital, by the judge of the municipal court of the city of Boston, and to their discharge therefrom by him, is hereby repealed; but all orders of the said judge relating thereto, and rendered prior to the time this act shall take effect, shall remain in full force.

When to go into effect.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

March 23, 1840.

[1839, 131; 1857, 35, 281, 302; P.S. 87, § 11 *et seq.*]

<sup>1</sup> Now the superior court.

<sup>2</sup> The powers enumerated in this section are now vested in the Board of Directors for Public Institutions. See St. 1857, c. 35, § 2.

<sup>3</sup> Re-enacted in Gen. Sts., c. 73, § 28; but said § 28 was repealed by St. 1862, c. 223, § 18.

1841. — CHAPTER 58.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE STORAGE, SAFE-KEEPING, AND TRANSPORTATION OF GUNPOWDER IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Whenever any quantity less than ten quarter-casks of gunpowder shall be seized and taken into custody by any one or more of the engineers of the fire department of the city of Boston, a libel or complaint may be filed in the clerk's office of the police court<sup>1</sup> of said city of Boston, and the said police court of said city shall have jurisdiction thereof; and the like proceedings thereon (excepting a trial by jury), shall be had in said court as are provided for by the fifth section of the act passed on the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, to which this is an addition, in the like cases of seizures and proceedings before the municipal court; saving always to any party aggrieved by any final judgment of said police court, the right of appeal and trial by jury in said municipal court.

Police court to have jurisdiction in cases of seizure of less than ten quarter-casks of powder.  
1 Met. 225, 232.

1833, 151.

Right of appeal provided for.

SECT. 2. All fines, penalties, and forfeitures, imposed by the act to which this is in addition, and by an act in further addition thereto, passed on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, may be sued for and recovered by the chief engineer, or any one or more of the engineers of the fire department of the said city of Boston, or by any person thereto authorized by a vote of the board of engineers of the said fire department.

Fines and penalties, how sued for.  
1837, 99.

March 6, 1841.

[1833, 151, 1837, 99; 1882, 269.]

1843. — CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HOUSE FOR THE REFORMATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to establish, in any building or buildings, or part of any building, used by said city, as a house of industry, or for any other purpose, a separate branch or branches of said house of reformation and employment, for females, or for the separate classification of such females.

Establishment of branches of house of reformation.

SECT. 2. [The municipal or police court of said city, upon the complaint, under oath, of the mayor, or any alderman thereof, or of any of the directors of the house of industry, or of the said house of reformation and employment, or of the overseers of the poor of said city, that any child or children live an idle and dissolute life, and that their parents are dead, or, if living, do, from vice, or any other cause, neglect to provide suitable employment for, or to exercise salutary control over, such child or children, shall have power, upon conviction thereof, to sentence such child, or children, to such house of reformation and employment, to be kept and governed according to law.]

Power of committing children by municipal or police court.  
Repealed by 1847, 208, § 2.

SECT. 3. Nothing herein is to be construed to take away the right of appeal, in the cases aforesaid, from the police court to the municipal court aforesaid.

Right of appeal continued.

March 21, 1843.

[1847, 208.]

<sup>1</sup> Now municipal court.

## 1844. — CHAPTER 58.

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOSTON AND ROXBURY MILL CORPORATION TO EXTEND THEIR WHARF.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

To be extended  
to the line estab-  
lished by St.  
1840, c. 35, and  
St. 1841, c. 60.

The Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, proprietors of a wharf in the westerly part of the city of Boston, lying at the westerly end of Beacon street, and on the northerly side of said street and the western avenue, so called, and extending to, and bounding northerly on, the land now or formerly belonging to Jarvis Braman, are hereby authorized to extend and maintain their said wharf into the harbor channel as far as the line established by an act entitled "an act concerning the harbor of Boston," passed on the seventeenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, and by an act entitled "an act in addition to an act concerning the harbor of Boston," passed on the sixth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one; and shall have the right and privilege of laying vessels at the end of said wharf, when extended, and of receiving dockage and wharfage therefor: *provided*, that so much of said wharf as shall be erected, under this act, north of a line drawn parallel to the north wall of said avenue, and two hundred feet distant therefrom, shall be built on piles; and that no building shall be placed on said wharf south of a line drawn parallel to the line of the north wall of said avenue, and twenty feet distant therefrom, and that this grant shall in no wise interfere with the legal rights of any person or persons whatever: *and provided*, also, that the authorities of the city of Boston shall have the right to extend Byron street, so called, to the channel over the land so made, and to lay, continue, and maintain, all necessary drains under the same.

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Extension of  
Byron street.

March 6, 1844.

## 1845. — CHAPTER 236.

## AN ACT CONCERNING STREETS AND WAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Streets and  
ways, being pri-  
vate property,  
but thrown open  
to public use,  
must be graded  
by abutters, etc.

and, in case of  
neglect, by may-  
or, etc., at ex-  
pense of abut-  
ters, etc.

SECTION 1. When any street or way, which now is, or hereafter shall be, opened in the city of Boston, over any private land, by the owners thereof, and dedicated to, or permitted to be used by, the public, before such street shall have been accepted and laid out according to law, it shall be the duty of the owners of the lots abutting thereon to grade such street or way at their own expense, in such manner as the safety and convenience of the public shall, in the opinion of the mayor and aldermen of said city, require; and if the owners of such abutting lots shall, after reasonable notice given by the said mayor and aldermen, neglect or refuse to grade such street or way in manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said mayor and aldermen to cause the same to be graded as aforesaid, and the expense thereof shall, after due notice to the parties interested, be equitably assessed upon the owners of such abutting lots, by the said mayor and aldermen, in such proportions as they shall judge reasonable; and all assessments so made shall be a lien upon such abutting lands, in like manner as taxes are now a lien upon real estate: *provided, always*, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect any agreements heretofore made respecting any such streets or ways as aforesaid, between such owners and said city: *provided, also*, that any such grading of any street or way by the mayor and aldermen as

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aforesaid, shall not be construed to be an acceptance of such street or way by the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. No street or way shall hereafter be opened as aforesaid in said city, of a less width than thirty feet, except with the consent of said mayor and aldermen, in writing, first had and obtained for that purpose.

No streets, etc., to be less than thirty feet wide, except, etc.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect in thirty days from the passing thereof, unless the city council of said city shall, within that time, vote not to accept the same.

When to take effect.

March 26, 1845.

## 1846. — CHAPTER 50.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. All and singular the acts and doings of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, or of the chairman thereof, during the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, purporting to have been official acts and doings on behalf of said city, in the absence of the mayor thereof, and which might have been legally done and performed by said mayor alone, or by said mayor and aldermen together, whether in relation to any deeds, leases, agreements, indentures, or assurances, drafts on the city treasury, or any other matter or thing within the official powers and duties of the said mayor alone, or said mayor and aldermen together; and whether by concurrent vote with the common council or otherwise, shall be deemed to have, and shall have, the same force and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if said acts and doings had been done and performed by said mayor alone, or by said mayor and aldermen together.

Ratification of acts done during absence of the mayor in 1845 and 1846.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

When to take effect.

February 19, 1846.

## 1846. — CHAPTER 167.

### AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized, by and through the agency of three commissioners, to be appointed in the manner hereinafter provided, to take, hold, and convey to, into and through the said city, the water of Long Pond, so called, in the towns of Natick, Wayland, and Framingham, and the waters which may flow into and from the same, and any other ponds and streams within the distance of four miles from said Long Pond, and any water-rights connected therewith; and may also take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary for laying and maintaining aqueducts for conducting, discharging, disposing of, and distributing, water, and for forming reservoirs; and may also take and hold any land on and around the margin of said Long Pond, not exceeding five rods in width, measuring from the verge of said pond, when the same shall be raised to a level of eight feet above the floor of the flume at the outlet thereof, and on and around the said other ponds and streams, so far as may be necessary for the preservation and purity of the same, for the purpose of furnishing a supply of pure water for the said city of Boston. The city of Boston shall,

City may obtain water from Long pond, etc., in Natick, etc.

May take and hold land. 10 Cush. 295. 127 Mass. 69.

<sup>1</sup> This act took effect as herein provided, the city council having taken no action under this section.

The city to file a description of lands, ponds, or streams, taken.  
100 Mass. 350.  
120 Mass. 352.  
126 Mass. 422.

within sixty days from the time they shall take any lands, or ponds, or streams of water, for the purposes of this act, file, in the office of the registry of deeds, for the county where they are situate, a description of the lands, ponds, or streams of water, so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of lands, and a statement of the purpose for which taken, which said description and statement shall be signed by the said mayor.

May construct aqueducts, dams, and reservoirs, etc., and cross and dig up highways, etc.

SECT. 2. The said city may, by and through the same agency, make and build one or more permanent aqueducts, from any of the aforesaid water-sources, to, into, and through, the said city, and secure and maintain the same by any works suitable therefor; may connect the said water-sources with each other; may erect and maintain dams to raise and retain the waters therein; may make and maintain reservoirs within and without the said city; may make and establish such public hydrants, in such places as may, from time to time, be deemed proper, and prescribe the purposes for which they may be used, and may change or discontinue the same; may distribute the water throughout the city, and, for this purpose, may lay down pipes to any house or building in said city, the owner or owners thereof having notice and not objecting thereto; may regulate the use of the said water within and without the said city, and establish the prices or rents to be paid therefor. And the said city may, for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct any aqueducts, or other works, by them to be made and constructed, over or under any water-course, or any street, turnpike-road, railroad, highway, or other way, in such manner as not to obstruct or impede travel thereon; and may enter upon and dig up any such road, street, or way, for the purpose of laying down pipes beneath the surface thereof, and for maintaining and repairing the same; and, in general, may do any other acts and things necessary, or convenient and proper, for the purposes of this act.

Appointment, duties, etc., of commissioners.

SECT. 3. Three commissioners shall be appointed by the city council, who shall, during their continuance in office, execute and perform, and superintend and direct, the execution and performance of all the works, matters, and things, mentioned in the preceding sections, which are not otherwise specially provided for in this act; they shall be subject to such ordinances, rules, and regulations, in the execution of their said trust, as the city council may, from time to time, ordain and establish, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act and the laws of this commonwealth; they shall respectively hold their said offices for the term of three years next after their said appointment, unless the aqueducts and works aforesaid shall be sooner completed; but they, or either of them, after having had an opportunity to be heard in his or their defence, may be removed at any time, by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of each branch of the city council; and in case of a vacancy in the board of commissioners, by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of another commissioner, in manner aforesaid, who shall hold his said office for the residue of the said term of three years, with all the powers and subject to all the restrictions aforesaid. A major part of said commissioners shall be a quorum for the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties of the said office; they shall, once in every six months, and whenever required by the city council, make and present in writing, a particular report and statement of all their acts and proceedings, and of the condition and progress of the works aforesaid.

Compensation.

SECT. 4. Before the appointment of the commissioners aforesaid, the city council shall establish and fix the salaries, or compensation, to be paid to the commissioners for their services; and the said salaries of the said commissioners, so established and fixed as afore-

said, shall not be reduced during their continuance, respectively, in said office.

SECT. 5. Whenever the said office of commissioners shall cease, either by the expiration of the said term of three years from the original appointment, or by the completion of the aqueducts and works mentioned in the preceding sections of this act, all the rights, powers, and authority, given to the city of Boston by this act, shall be exercised by the said city, subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, herein contained, in such manner, and by such agents, officers, and servants, as the city council shall, from time to time, ordain, appoint, and direct.

Power to be exercised by the city, after the office of commissioners has ceased.

SECT. 6. The said city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property, by the taking of any land, water, or water-rights, or by the constructing of any aqueducts, reservoirs, or other works, for the purposes of this act. And if the owner of any land, water, or water-rights, which shall be taken as aforesaid, or other person who shall sustain damages as aforesaid, shall not agree upon the damages to be paid therefor, he may apply, by petition, for the assessment of his damages, at any time within three years from the taking of said land, water, or water-rights, as aforesaid, and not afterwards, to the court of common pleas,<sup>1</sup> in the county in which the same are situate; such petition may be filed in the clerk's office of said court, in vacation or in term time, and the clerk shall thereupon issue a summons to the city of Boston, returnable, if issued in vacation, to the then next term of the said court, and if in term time, returnable on such day as the said court shall order, to appear and answer to the said petition; the said summons shall be served fourteen days, at least, before the return day thereof, by leaving a copy thereof, and of the said petition certified by the officer who shall serve the same, with the mayor or clerk of the said city; and the said court may, upon default or hearing of the said city, appoint three judicious and disinterested freeholders of this commonwealth, who shall, after reasonable notice to the parties, assess the damages, if any, which such petitioner may have sustained as aforesaid; and the award of the said freeholders, or of the major part of them, being returned into and accepted by the said court, shall be final, and judgment shall be rendered and execution issued thereof for the prevailing party, with costs, unless one of the said parties shall claim a trial by jury, as hereinafter provided.

Remedy of owners of lands, etc., in case of disagreement as to damages.  
8 Cush. 274.  
10 Cush. 295.  
100 Mass. 350.  
122 Mass. 305.  
125 Mass. 544.  
126 Mass. 422.  
130 Mass. 339.  
452.  
133 Mass. 215,  
367.

SECT. 7. If either of the parties mentioned in the preceding section shall be dissatisfied with the amount of damages awarded as therein expressed, such party may, at the term at which such award was accepted, or the next term thereafter, claim, in writing, a trial, in said court, and have a jury to hear and determine, at the bar of said court, all questions of fact relating to such damages, and to assess the amount thereof; and the verdict of such jury being accepted and recorded by the said court, shall be final and conclusive, and judgment shall be rendered and execution issued thereon; and cost shall be recovered by the said parties respectively, in the same manner as is provided by law, in regard to proceeding, relating to the laying out of highways.

Right of parties to trial, if dissatisfied with award.

SECT. 8. No applications shall be made to the court, for the assessment of damages for the taking of any water-rights, until the water shall be actually withdrawn or diverted by the said city under the authority of this act; and any person or corporation, whose water-rights may be thus taken and affected, may make his application aforesaid, at any time within three years from the time when the waters shall be first actually withdrawn or diverted as aforesaid.

Time for application for damages.

184 Mass. 438.

<sup>1</sup> Now superior court.



City council may issue scrip to the amount of \$3,000,000, bearing interest, etc., payable at dates, etc.  
1848, 33.  
1849, 187, § 1.

SECT. 9. For the purpose of defraying all the costs and expenses of such lands, estates, waters, and water-rights, as shall be taken, purchased, or held, for the purposes mentioned in this act, and of constructing all aqueducts and works necessary and proper, for the accomplishment of the said purposes, and all expenses incident thereto, the city council shall have authority to issue from time to time, notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, to be denominated, on the face thereof, "Boston water scrip" to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, the sum of three millions of dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding the legal rate of interest in this commonwealth; and said interest shall be payable semi-annually, and the principal shall be payable at periods not more than forty years from the issuing of the said scrip, notes, or certificates, respectively. And the said city council may sell the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, at public or private sale, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purposes aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as the said city council shall judge proper.

Scrip for payment of interest.

SECT. 10. In addition to the sum of three millions of dollars mentioned in the preceding section, the said city council may, whenever and so far as may be necessary, issue and dispose of notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, in the manner prescribed in the preceding section, to meet all payments of interest which may accrue upon any scrip by them issued: *provided, however*, that no scrip shall be issued for the payment of interest as aforesaid, after the expiration of two years from the completion of said aqueducts and other works; but payment of all interest that shall accrue after that time, shall be made from the net income, rents, and receipts, for the use of the water, if they shall be sufficient for that purpose; and if not, then the payment of the deficiency shall be otherwise provided for by the city council. All notes, scrip, and certificates of debt, to be issued as aforesaid, shall be signed by the treasurer and auditor, and countersigned by the mayor of the said city, and a record of all such notes, scrip, and certificates, shall be made and kept by the said treasurer and auditor respectively.

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Form of scrip.

Records of the same.

City council to regulate the price of water  
1875, 80, § 1.

Appropriation of proceeds of water rents.

Amended by  
1877, 5, § 1.

SECT. 11. The city council shall, from time to time, regulate the price or rents for the use of the water, with the view to the payment, from the net income, rents, and receipts, therefor, not only of the semi-annual interest, but ultimately of the principal also, of the "Boston water scrip," so far as the same may be practicable and reasonable. And the said net surplus income, rents, and receipts, after deducting all expenses and charges of distribution, shall be set apart as a sinking-fund, and shall be appropriated for and towards the payment of the principal and interest of the said scrip; and shall, under the management, control, and direction, of the mayor, treasurer, and auditor, of the city, or the major part of them for the time being, who shall be trustees of the said fund, be applied solely to the use and purpose aforesaid, until the said scrip shall be fully paid and discharged. And the said trustees shall, whenever thereto required by the city council, render a just, true, and full, account to the said city council, of all their receipts, payments, and doings, under the provisions of this section.

Proceedings for increase of water rents.  
1875, 80, § 1.

SECT. 12. At any time after the expiration of two years, from the completion of the works mentioned in the second section of this act, and before the reimbursement of the principal of the "Boston water scrip," herein before mentioned, if the surplus income and receipts for the use of the water distributed under the provisions of this act, at the price established by the city council, after deducting all expenses and charges of distribution, shall, for any two successive years, be insufficient to pay the accruing interest on the said scrip, then the supreme judicial court, on the petition of one hundred or more

of the legal voters of the said city, praying that the said price may be raised and increased so far as may be necessary for the purpose of paying, from the said surplus income and receipts, the said accruing interest, and upon due notice of the pendency of such petition given to the said city in such manner as the said court shall order, may appoint three commissioners, who, upon due notice to the parties interested, may raise and increase the said price, if they shall judge proper, so far as may be necessary in their judgment, for the purpose aforesaid, and no farther. And the award of said commissioners, or the major part of them, being returned to the said court, at the then next term thereof for the county of Suffolk, and accepted by the said court, shall be binding and conclusive, for the term of three years next after the said acceptance, and until the price so fixed by the commissioners shall, after the expiration of said term, be changed or altered by the city council.

SECT. 13. If the surplus income and receipts for the use of the water, distributed under the provisions of this act, at the price established by the city council, after deducting all expenses and charges of distribution, shall, for any two successive years, be more than sufficient to pay the accruing interest on the "Boston water scrip," herein before mentioned, then the supreme judicial court, on the petition of one hundred or more of the legal voters of the said city, who may deem the said price unreasonably high, and pray for a reduction thereof; and upon due notice of the pendency of said petition given to the said city in such manner as the said court shall order, may appoint three commissioners, who, upon due notice to the parties interested, may, if they shall judge proper, reduce the price established by the city council: *provided*, that such reduction shall not be so great that the surplus income and receipts aforesaid, will, in the judgment of the said commissioners, be thereafter insufficient for the payment of the said accruing interest. And the award of the said commissioners, or the major part of them, being returned and accepted as mentioned in the preceding section, shall be binding and conclusive, in the same manner, and to the same extent, as therein provided in regard to awards made pursuant to the provisions of that section. And the said court may, at their discretion, order the costs on such petitions as are mentioned in this and the preceding section, and of the proceedings thereon, or any part thereof, to be paid by either of the said parties, and may enter judgment and issue execution therefor accordingly.

Proceeding for  
the reduction of  
water rents.  
1875, 80, § 1.

Costs on petitions.

SECT. 14. The occupant of any tenement shall be liable for the payment of the price or rent for the use of the water in such tenement; and the owner thereof shall be also liable, if, on being notified of such use, he does not object thereto; and if any person or persons shall use any of the said water, either within or without the city, without the consent of the city, an action of trespass may be maintained against him or them, by the said city, for the recovery of damages therefor: *provided, however*, that this act shall not be so construed as to prevent the inhabitants of Natick, Framingham, Sherburne, and Wayland, from using so much of the water hereby granted as shall be necessary for extinguishing fires and for all ordinary household purposes, under such regulations of the said city council as may be essential for the preservation of the purity of the same.

Owner and occupant both liable  
for price of  
water, etc.

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SECT. 15. If any person or persons shall wantonly or maliciously divert the water, or any part thereof, of any of the ponds, streams, or water-sources, which shall be taken by the city pursuant to the provisions of this act, or shall corrupt the same or render it impure, or destroy or injure any dam, aqueduct, pipe, conduit, hydrant, machinery, or other property, held, owned, or used, by the said city, by the

Penalty for diverting or corrupting water.  
1861, 220.  
108 Mass. 219.  
110 Mass. 216.  
133 Mass. 215,  
228.

authority and for the purposes of this act; every such person or persons shall forfeit and pay, to the said city, three times the amount of the damages that shall be assessed therefor, to be recovered by any proper action. And every such person or persons may, moreover, on indictment and conviction of either of the wanton and malicious acts aforesaid, be punished by fine, not exceeding one thousand dollars, and imprisonment not exceeding one year.

City may purchase property, etc., of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation, etc.

SECT. 16. The said city of Boston is hereby authorized to purchase and hold all the property, estates, rights, and privileges, of the Aqueduct Corporation, incorporated by an act passed February twenty-seventh, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and by any convenient mode may connect the same with their other works.

Act to be void if not accepted by majority of voters in wards within thirty days.

SECT. 17. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston shall notify and warn the legal voters of the said city, to meet in their respective wards, on such day as the said mayor and aldermen shall direct, not exceeding thirty days from and after the passing of this act, for the purpose of giving their written votes upon the question, whether they will accept the same; and if a majority of the votes so given upon the question aforesaid, shall be in the negative, this act shall be null and void.

When to take effect.

SECT. 18. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

March 30, 1846.

[1848, 33; 1849, 187, 201; 1850, 816; 1859, 184; 1861, 220; 1865, 131; 1869, 193, 447; 1871, 185; 1877, 5.]

## 1847. — CHAPTER 208.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE HOUSE FOR THE REFORMATION AND EMPLOYMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Municipal court, on complaint of mayor, etc., may sentence dissolute orphan minors under sixteen years of age to house of reformation.

SECTION 1. The municipal or police court of said city, upon the complaint, under oath, of the mayor or any aldermen thereof, or of any of the directors of the house of industry, or of the said house of reformation and employment, or of the overseers of the poor of said city, that any minor, under the age of sixteen years, lives an idle and dissolute life, and that his parents are dead, or, if living, do, from vice or any other cause, neglect to provide suitable employment for, or to exercise salutary control over such minor, shall have power, upon conviction thereof, to sentence such minor to such house of reformation and employment, to be kept and governed according to law.

Repeal of St. 1843, c. 22, § 2.

SECT. 2. The second section of the twenty-second chapter of the laws passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, is hereby repealed; saving all matters now pending, and the right of appeal, as provided in the third section of said chapter.

April 21, 1847.

[1843, 22; P. S. 220, § 20.]

## 1847. — CHAPTER 234.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE HARBOR OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Anchorage to be only within certain limits.

SECTION 1. No vessel which shall cast anchor in the harbor of Boston, between India wharf and Gray's wharf, shall anchor within five hundred feet of the line described in the second section of an act entitled "an act to preserve the harbor of Boston, and to prevent encroach-

ments therein," passed on the nineteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven; and no vessel which shall cast anchor between the easterly side of Lamson's wharf and the easterly side of Tuttle's wharf, at East Boston, shall anchor within five hundred feet of the line described in the fifth section of "an act concerning the harbor of Boston," passed the seventeenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, unless for the purpose of hauling in, as soon as practicable, to some wharf in said harbor, or unless compelled to do so by reason of stress of weather, or unavoidable casualty; and, for every offence against either of the foregoing provisions, after having been notified thereof by the harbor-master, who may be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, or by any party aggrieved, the master, commander, or owners, of such vessel, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SECT. 2. The master, commander, or owners, of every vessel, shall, as soon as practicable after having hauled to the end of any wharf that extends to the channel in said harbor, cause her lower yards to be cockbilled, and her jib-boom to be rigged in, so that the said jib-boom may not annoy any other vessel or vessels going in or out of the adjoining docks; and the lower yards and jib-boom shall be kept so arranged while such vessel lies at the end of the wharf as aforesaid, and until she is preparing immediately to leave her berth; and for every offence against any of the provisions in this section, the master, commander, or owners, or either of them, of such vessel, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars.

SECT. 3. No person shall throw or deposit in said harbor, or any part thereof, any stones, gravel, ballast, cinders, ashes, dirt, mud, or other substances, which may, in any respect, tend to injure the navigation thereof; and whoever shall offend against the provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

SECT. 4. No warp or line shall be passed across the mouth of any slip, for the purpose of hauling a vessel by said slip, before the vessel shall be within one hundred feet of said slip, if the owners or occupants thereof object, unless the harbor-master, who may be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, shall have decided it to be necessary; and for every offence against this provision, the master, commander, or owners, of such vessel, shall be subjected to a penalty not exceeding five dollars.

SECT. 5.<sup>1</sup> The city council of the city of Boston may, if they shall deem it expedient, annually appoint, by concurrent ballot in each board, a harbor-master for the port of Boston, who shall hold his office for one year; and until another shall be appointed in his place, or until he shall be removed by said city council; and, before entering upon his office, he shall give bond to the said city, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the mayor and aldermen, in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office; and, in case of the sickness or disability of the said harbor-master, he may appoint a deputy, subject to the approval of said mayor and aldermen, to perform his duties during such sickness or disability; and said harbor-master shall be allowed and paid quarterly, out of the city treasury, such salary for his services as said city council shall, from time to time, establish.

SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of the said harbor-master to enforce the execution of the several provisions of this act, and of all other laws of the commonwealth relating, in any way, to said harbor; and to prosecute all violations of such laws and ordinances, and to take all lawful measures to prevent the doing of any act by which the flow of the tides, or the force, direction, or depth, of the current into, out

1837, 229.

1877, 116.

Penalty after  
notice.  
1884, 173.

Trim of vessels  
at wharves.  
1848, 314, § 3.  
P.S. 69, § 23.

Penalty.

Penalty for de-  
positing stones,  
etc., in said har-  
bor.  
1848, 314, § 2.

Regulations of  
warps and lines.

Penalty.

City council may  
annually appoint  
harbor-master.

His duties and  
authority.  
1848, 314.

<sup>1</sup> The harbor-master is now appointed by the mayor and aldermen. See St. 1862, c. 64.

1884, 173.

of, or through the said harbor may, in any degree, be injuriously affected. And said harbor-master shall also have authority so to regulate the anchorage of vessels that, as far as may be practicable, ferry-boats may pass unobstructed, and the channel shall be kept clear from the wharves to Castle island.

Recovery of penalties.

SECT. 7. All said several penalties may be recovered by complaint before the police court of the city of Boston, or by indictment, for the use of the said city.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect on and after the first day of July next.

April 23, 1847.

[1837, 229; 1848, 314; 1862, 64; 1877, 116; 1882, 216; 1884, 173; P.S. 69, §§ 23-34.]

## 1848. — CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City council may make temporary loans, to be redeemed within five years by the "Boston water scrip."

1846, 167, § 9

Nothing in the ninth section of the act, to which this is an addition, shall be construed to prohibit the city council of the city of Boston, from making temporary loans for the purposes therein set forth, to be redeemed within five years by the "Boston water scrip:" *provided*, that the amount of said scrip shall in no case exceed the amount named in the said section.

February 29, 1848.

[1846, 167.]

## 1848. — CHAPTER 308.

AN ACT RELATING TO BALLAST IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Power of city council to regulate the taking of ballast.

R.O. c. 44

Penalties

P.S. 69.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston are hereby authorized to establish any ordinances and regulations respecting the weighing and marking of lighters, and other vessels employed in the transportation of stones, gravel, sand, or other ballast, and for the inspection and weighing, such ballast within the city of Boston, including the appointment and compensation of weighers, markers, inspectors, or other officers necessary to carry such ordinances and regulations into effect as they may deem expedient, and may affix penalties for the breach thereof, not exceeding those provided in the thirty-first chapter of the revised statutes.

SECT. 2. The adoption of any such ordinance, or regulations, shall supersede the provisions of the aforesaid thirty-first chapter of the revised statutes within said city, so far as the same shall be inconsistent with, or repugnant to, said provisions.

May 10, 1848.

## 1848. — CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE HARBOR OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Harbor-master to regulate anchorage of vessels in the

SECTION 1. The harbor-master authorized to be appointed by the fifth section of the act to which this is in addition, shall have authority to regulate the anchorage of all vessels in the upper harbor of Boston,

and, when necessary, to order the removal of such vessels, and to cause the same to be removed in obedience to such order at the expense of the master or owners thereof; and if any person shall obstruct said harbor-master in the performance of any of his duties, as prescribed by this act, or by the act to which this is in addition, or shall neglect or refuse to obey any lawful order made by said harbor-master, he shall be liable to a penalty, not exceeding fifty dollars, for each offence, to be recovered by indictment, for the use of the city of Boston.

upper harbor of Boston.  
1847, 234, § 5.

Penalty for obstructing harbor-master.

SECT. 2. Whenever any person, on board of any vessel, shall violate the provisions of the third section of the act to which this is in addition, the master or owners of said vessel shall be liable to the penalty prescribed in said section, as well as the person so offending.

Master or owners liable for certain violations committed on board their vessels.  
1847, 234, § 3.  
Limitation in former act repealed.  
1847, 234, § 2.

SECT. 3. The provisions of the second section of the act to which this is in addition shall apply to all the yards of vessels as well as the lower yards, anything in said section to the contrary notwithstanding.

Concerning anchor-watch and lights at night.

SECT. 4. All vessels at anchor in the harbor of Boston shall keep an anchor-watch at all times, and shall keep a clear and distinct light, suspended at least six feet above the deck, during the night; and whenever the provisions of this section shall be violated on board any vessel, the master or owners shall be liable to a penalty of not more than twenty dollars, to be recovered in the manner provided in the act to which this is in addition, and shall be held liable to pay all damages that may be occasioned by such violation.

Penalty.

May 10, 1848.

[1847, 234; 1862, 64; P.S. 69, §§ 23-34; 1882, 216; 1884, 178.]

## 1849. — CHAPTER 106.

### AN ACT RELATING TO CHELSEA-POINT BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase the franchise of Chelsea-point Bridge, with all the rights and property incident thereto.

May be purchased by city of Boston.

SECT. 2. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, as county commissioners therein, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out a highway over so much of Chelsea-point bridge, and the tide waters thereat, as is within the city of Boston<sup>1</sup>; and the commissioners appointed by the court of common pleas, holden at Boston, by the order of said court, dated the fifteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, to perform the duties of county commissioners, as in said order specified, or those at any time hereafter holding the like authority, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out a highway over so much of said Chelsea-point bridge, and the tide waters thereat, as is within the town of North Chelsea: *provided*, the assent of the proprietors of Chelsea-point bridge shall be first obtained.

Mayor and aldermen authorized to lay out a highway over a portion of the bridge, and a highway to be laid out over the other portion.

SECT. 3. The commissioners appointed by the court of common pleas, as aforesaid, or those who may hereafter be appointed to the like authority, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out and construct a highway over the tide waters between the easterly shore of Pulling point, and the neck of land leading to Point Shirley, in North Chelsea, so as to form a continuous highway from East Boston to Point Shirley.

Proviso, as to assent of the proprietors. Highway authorized over certain tide waters.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 17, 1849.

[1835, 100.]

<sup>1</sup>So much of this bridge as is within the city was laid out as a highway July 1, 1860. See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), p. 72.

## 1849. — CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT RELATING TO CHELSEA FREE BRIDGE.<sup>1</sup>*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Highway to be  
laid out over  
Chelsea free  
bridge and the  
tide waters  
thereat.

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, as county commissioners therein, be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to lay out and construct a highway over so much of Chelsea free bridge, and the tide waters thereat, as are within the city of Boston; and the county commissioners appointed by the court of common pleas, of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Boston, in and for the county of Suffolk, by the order of said court, dated the sixteenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, to perform the duties of county commissioners, as in said order specified, or those at any time hereafter holding the like or similar authority, be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to lay out and construct a highway, over so much of Chelsea free bridge, and the tide waters thereat, as are within the town of Chelsea. The said bridge to be maintained with good and sufficient materials, and not less than twenty-five feet wide, with sufficient railings for the protection of passengers, and a good and sufficient draw, not less than twenty feet wide, with proper piers above and below said draw, for the accommodation of vessels passing through the same.

Bridge, how to  
be maintained.

Draw.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 17, 1849.

[1834, 130.]

## 1849. — CHAPTER 133.

## AN ACT CONCERNING SIDEWALKS IN UNACCEPTED STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Sidewalks, how  
to be constructed  
in streets over  
private land.  
1850, 180.

SECTION 1. When any street or way, which now is, or hereafter shall be, opened in the city of Boston, over any private land, by the owners thereof, and dedicated to, or permitted to be used by, the public, before such street shall have been accepted and laid out, according to law, it shall be the duty of the owners of lots abutting thereon, to construct convenient sidewalks on each side of such street or way, at their own expense, in such manner as the safety and convenience of the public shall, in the opinion of the mayor and aldermen of said city, require; and, if the owners of such abutting lots shall, after reasonable notice given by the said mayor and aldermen, neglect or refuse to construct said sidewalks in such street or way, in manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said mayor and aldermen to cause the same to be constructed as aforesaid; and the expense thereof shall, after due notice to the parties interested, be equitably assessed upon the owners of such abutting lots, by the said mayor and aldermen, in such proportions as they shall judge reasonable; and all assessments so made shall be a lien upon such abutting lands, in like manner as taxes are now a lien upon real estate: *provided, always*, that nothing contained in this act, shall be construed to affect any agreement heretofore made respecting any such street or way, as aforesaid, between such owners and said city: *provided, also*, that any such constructing of sidewalks in any street or way, by the

Expenses.

On neglect or re-  
fuse! mayor and  
aldermen to con-  
struct walk and  
assess on the  
abutters.

Proviso.

Proviso.

<sup>1</sup> Now called Chelsea-street bridge. See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), pp. 73, 74.

mayor and aldermen, as aforesaid, shall not be construed to be an acceptance of such street or way by the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. This act shall not take effect if, within thirty days from the passage thereof, the city council of said city shall vote not to accept the same.

City council may vote not to accept this act.

April 23, 1849.

## 1849. — CHAPTER 150.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ESTABLISH A CEMETERY.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

The city of Boston is hereby authorized to purchase and hold land, for a public cemetery, in any town in this commonwealth, and to make and establish all suitable rules, orders, and regulations, for the interment of the dead therein, to the same extent that the said city of Boston is now authorized to make such rules, orders, and regulations, for the interment of the dead, within the limits of the said city : *provided*, that the consent of any town, in which the said cemetery is proposed to be located, shall first be obtained for the purpose.

City of Boston may establish a cemetery in any town in the commonwealth, with its consent. R.O., c. 42.

April 26, 1849.

[1872, 197.]

## 1849. — CHAPTER 187.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. In addition to the notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, authorized to be issued by the ninth section of the act entitled "an act for supplying the city of Boston with pure water," passed on the thirtieth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, being chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of that year, the city council of the city of Boston are hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, to be denominated, on the face thereof, "Boston water scrip," to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, the further sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, for the same purposes, and in the same manner, and upon the terms and conditions specified in said section.

Additional notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, may be issued by city council of Boston. 1846, 167.

SECT. 2. Whenever any damages shall have been sustained by any persons in their property, by the taking of any land, water, or water-rights, or by the constructing of any aqueducts, reservoirs, or other works, for the purposes of this act, and of the act to which this is in addition, and such persons shall neglect to institute proceedings against the city of Boston, according to the provisions of the said act, for the space of five months, it shall be lawful for the city of Boston to commence such proceedings, which shall go on, and be determined, in the same manner as if commenced by the persons who shall have sustained such damage ; and, if such persons, on receiving due notice, shall not come in and prosecute the proceedings so instituted, judgment shall be entered against them, and they shall be forever barred from recovering any damages under said act.

Of proceedings for damages done to individuals, how prosecuted. 1846, 167, §§ 6, 8.

— how barred.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to convey the water of Long pond to, into, and through, that part of Boston called East Boston, by laying their aqueduct, or water pipes, through the city of Charlestown and town of Chelsea ; and, for that purpose, may

Water of Long pond may be conveyed to East Boston through Charlestown and Chelsea.

<sup>1</sup> Under authority of this act Mount Hope Cemetery was established.



1846, 167.

Of conveying  
water over or  
under tide-  
waters;  
1851, 121.

have all the rights and privileges, and shall be subject to all the liabilities, mentioned in the act to which this is in addition. And the said city of Boston may make any suitable structures for the purpose of conveying the said water over or under the tide waters within the jurisdiction of this commonwealth: *provided*, that such structures shall be approved of by a commissioner, to be appointed for that purpose by the governor and council, and to be compensated by the city of Boston: *provided, further*, that the authority granted by this section shall not be exercised without the consent of the city council of said city first had and obtained.

SECT. 4. This act shall not take effect unless accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

May 1, 1849.

[1846, 167; 1848, 33; 1851, 121.]

## 1849. — CHAPTER 201.

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EASTERN RAILROAD COMPANY TO EXTEND THEIR ROAD.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Route of extension described.

SECTION 1. The Eastern Railroad Company are hereby authorized to locate, construct, and complete, an extension of their railroad, with one or more tracks, from some convenient point in their railroad, in North Chelsea, to the Salem turnpike, at or near the same point at which the grand junction and depot company are authorized to cross said turnpike; thence crossing Island End river, by a suitable bridge and draw, and crossing the dam and dyke at such a grade and in such a manner, as not to impair the same, to a point in Malden, westerly of the United States marine hospital, near the junction of said Island End river with Mystic river; thence crossing said Mystic river, with the necessary draws in the bridge, at the channels of said river, of not less than forty feet space, to a point in the city of Charlestown, westerly of the Salem turnpike; thence, by the most convenient line, through said city of Charlestown, to Thompson's wharf, in said Charlestown; thence crossing Charles river to the wharf owned or occupied by the gas company in Boston, below Charles-river bridge, making and maintaining a suitable and convenient draw in the bridge, at the channel, to Commercial street, in Boston: *provided*, that no bridge shall be constructed over any of the rivers aforesaid, exceeding thirty feet in width; and the same shall be constructed under the direction of a commissioner, to be appointed by the governor and council, and paid by the Eastern Railroad Company; and any bridge, so constructed, shall be deemed to be the limit of the location across said rivers.

Security to travel, such as governor and council may require. Mayor and aldermen of Charlestown may regulate the rate of speed.

SECT. 2. Said company shall provide such effectual security against any danger to the travel over Charles-river bridge, as the governor and council may, from time to time, require.

SECT. 3. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Charlestown, for the time being, may regulate the rate of speed at which the engines and trains may pass over such portions of said railroad as may cross the streets of said city at grade.

Of the removal of stone, gravel, etc.

SECT. 4. No stone, gravel, or other building materials, shall be taken by said company from the lands of the Winnisimmet Company, without the consent of said company, excepting only the land, over or upon which said railroad shall be actually located, as aforesaid. And said company, and other proprietors of the marsh within said

<sup>1</sup> Accepted by city council May 28, 1849.

dam on Island End river, shall have the right to build and maintain continuous streets and ways, connecting their estates divided by said railroad, and cross, and recross, the same, over, under, or on a level with, it, where it divides their said estates, or separates them from Island End river, as they shall find most convenient, not obstructing the locomotives and cars running on the said railroad, as allowed in the acts heretofore passed in relation thereto.

Of streets and ways, divided by railroad.

SECT. 5. This act shall be void, unless the same shall be accepted by the stockholders of said company, at a meeting of the same, called for the purpose, and unless the road shall be located within two years from the passage of this act; and unless the road shall be completed within two years from the time said location shall be filed.

This act to be accepted by the stockholders.  
Location and completion.

SECT. 6. For the purposes of this act, said Eastern Railroad Company may create new stock, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars: *provided*, that no shares in the capital stock hereby authorized, shall be issued for a less sum or amount, to be actually paid in on each, than the par value of the shares in the original capital stock of said corporation.

New stock.

Proviso as to value of shares.

SECT. 7. It shall be lawful for the city of Boston, under the direction of the commissioner aforesaid, to lay and construct their water pipes under, or by the side of said bridges, for the purpose of conveying water into and through East Boston, without compensation: *provided, however*, that said pipes shall be so laid, maintained, and repaired, as not to retard, or in any manner obstruct, the regular and convenient use of said bridges, for all the uses of said railroad company.

Of water pipes laid by city of Boston to East Boston.

Proviso.

SECT. 8. The Grand Junction Railroad and Depot Company may enter upon and use the road, or any part thereof, that may be constructed by said Eastern Railroad Company, within the limits herein chartered, according to the provisions of law.

Grand Junction Railroad and Depot Company may use this road.

May 2, 1849.

## 1849. — CHAPTER 243.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WILLIAMS MARKET.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Henry Williams, William H. Guild, and George H. Sweetser, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Williams Market, for the purpose of erecting and managing a market for the sale and storage of country produce, and other merchandise, to be located in or near Dover street, in the southerly section of the city of Boston, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the revised statutes: *provided*, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to authorize said corporation to engage in buying or selling produce or merchandise of any description.

Corporators.

For a market, in Boston.

Powers and duties.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate, for the purpose aforesaid, not exceeding in amount one hundred thousand dollars: *provided*, that no shares in the capital stock of said corporation shall be issued for a less sum or amount, to be actually paid in on each, than the par value of the shares which shall be first issued.

Estate.

Value of shares.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston may, by its city council, or by any person or body to whom said council shall delegate its power, make and enforce suitable and proper police regulations, in and around said market and its appurtenances.

City government may make regulations for the market.

SECT. 4. The city of Boston may, at any time within five years from the passage of this act, purchase of said corporation the said market, and all the franchise, property, rights, and privileges, of said

City of Boston may purchase the market, etc., within five years.

**Conditions.**

corporation, or paying therefor the amount expended in erecting said market, with interest thereon, at the rate of ten per centum per annum, deducting therefrom all sums that shall have been received by the members of said corporation, as dividends of income or profits, and also the amount of all reserved profits possessed by the corporation at the time of said purchase; and whenever the city of Boston shall have determined to purchase said market, the directors of said corporation shall, upon reasonable notice, make out a statement of the amount to be paid according to the foregoing provisions, and shall exhibit their books and papers in verification of said statement, and upon the payment, by said city of Boston, of the sum which shall be found to be payable, as herein before provided, said corporation shall make, execute, and deliver, all such deeds, conveyances, and assurances, as may be necessary to invest, in said city, the said market, and all the franchise, property, rights, and privileges, of said corporation.

Market to be built within three years.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and shall be void unless said market shall be located and built within three years thereafter.

May 2, 1849.

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### 1850. — CHAPTER 180.

#### AN ACT CONCERNING STREETS AND PRIVATE WAYS IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Abutters to grade streets or ways given to public use.

1849, 133.

Proceedings in case of neglect or refusal.

SECTION 1. When any street or way shall hereafter be opened in the city of Charlestown, over any private land, by the owners thereof, and dedicated to or permitted to be used by the public, before such street or way shall have been accepted and laid out according to law, it shall be the duty of the owners of the lots abutting thereon, to grade such street or way, at their own expense, in such manner as the safety and convenience of the public shall, in the opinion of the city council of said city, require. And if the owners of such abutting lots, shall, after reasonable notice by the city council, neglect or refuse to grade such street or way in manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the city council to cause the same to be graded aforesaid; and the expense thereof shall, after due notice to the parties interested, be equitably assessed upon the owners of such abutting lots, by the city council, in such proportions as they shall judge reasonable, and all assessments so made shall be a lien upon such abutting land in like manner as taxes are now a lien upon real estate.

No street or way to be less than thirty feet wide.

SECT. 2. No street or way shall hereafter be opened, as aforesaid, in said city, of a less width than thirty feet, except with the consent of the mayor and aldermen of said city, in writing, first had and obtained for that purpose.

Any one intending to build on a private way to give notice, etc.

SECT. 3. Whenever any person shall intend to build upon any private street or way, in said city, he shall, before commencing to build, give to the mayor and aldermen of said city due notice, in writing, of such intention.

April 9, 1850.

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### 1850. — CHAPTER 262.

#### AN ACT RELATING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Power of city council.  
R.O., c. 21.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston may establish a fire department for said city, to consist of so many engineers and

other officers, and so many enginemen and other members, as the city council, by ordinance, shall from time to time prescribe; and said city council shall have authority to make such provisions in regard to the time and mode of appointment, and the occasion and mode of removal, of either such officers or members, to make such requisitions in respect to their qualifications and period of service, to define their office and duties, to fix and pay such compensation for their services, and, in general, to make such regulations in regard to their conduct and government, and to the management and conduct of fires, and persons attending at fires, subject to the penalties provided for the breach of the city by-laws, as they shall deem expedient: *provided*, that the appointment of enginemen, hosemen, and hook-and-ladder men, shall be made by the mayor and aldermen exclusively.

Compensations, etc.

1873, 374, § 2.

SECT. 2. The powers and duties mentioned in the preceding section, or any of them, may be exercised and carried into effect by the said city council, in any manner which they may prescribe, and through the agency of any persons, or any board or boards, to whom they may delegate the same.

Delegation of power.

SECT. 3. The engineers or other officers of the department, so appointed as aforesaid, shall have the same authority, in regard to the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and the performance of the other offices and duties now incumbent upon firewards, as are now conferred upon firewards by the revised statutes, or the special acts relating to the city of Boston, now in force. They shall also have authority, in compliance with any ordinance of said city, to make an examination of places where shavings and other combustible materials are collected or deposited, and to require the removal of such materials, or the adoption of suitable safeguards against fire. And said city council are hereby authorized to make suitable ordinances upon this latter subject-matter, under the penalties enacted in the city charter.

Powers of engineers, etc., of the fire department.  
104 Mass. 87.

R.O., c. 46, § 6.

SECT. 4. All officers and members of the fire department shall be exempted from military duty, or from serving as jurors or constables, during the time of their employment in said department.

Exemption of officers and members.

SECT. 5. The city council aforesaid are hereby authorized, whenever and as often as they shall deem it expedient, to appropriate any sum or sums of money, in the way that may be judged by said council most advisable, for the relief or indemnity of any officer or member of the fire department who may sustain corporal injury, or contract sickness in the discharge of his duty, or consequent thereon.

Relief for bodily injury.

SECT. 6. The act entitled "an act to authorize the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston to increase the number of enginemen in certain cases," passed on the thirteenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-three; the act entitled "an act authorizing the appointment of firemen in the town of Boston," passed February seventh, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty; the act entitled "an act establishing a fire department in the city of Boston," passed June eighteenth, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-five; the act entitled "an act in addition to an act entitled 'an act establishing a fire department in the city of Boston,'" passed March second, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-seven; the act entitled "an act in addition to an act establishing a fire department in the city of Boston," passed March third, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-nine; and the act entitled "an act further in addition to an act establishing a fire department in the city of Boston," passed June twenty-first, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-one, are hereby repealed.

Repeal of former acts.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its passage; When to take effect.

but it shall not operate upon existing laws and ordinances, relating to the fire department of the city of Boston, until it shall have been adopted by the city council of said city.<sup>1</sup>

May 1, 1850.

[1873, 374; 1880, 107; 1881, 22.]

### 1850. — CHAPTER 316.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Of tender of  
compensation  
for damages.  
1846, 187.

SECTION 1. In every case of a petition to the court of common pleas, by any person, for the assessment of damages, as provided in the sixth, seventh, and eighth sections of the act to which this is in addition, the city of Boston, by any of its officers, may tender to the complainant or his attorney, any sum that it shall think proper, or may bring the same into court, to be paid to the complainant for the damages claimed in his petition; and if the complainant shall not accept the same, with his costs up to that time, but shall proceed in the suit, he shall be entitled to his costs up to the time of the tender, or such payment into court, and not afterwards, and the said city shall be entitled to recover its costs afterwards, unless the complainant shall recover greater damages than were so offered.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

May 3, 1850.

[1846, 167; 1849, 187.]

### 1851. — CHAPTER 121.

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Restriction.

1849, 187.

The control granted to the city of Boston over tide waters within the jurisdiction of this commonwealth, by the third section of an act in addition to an act for supplying the city of Boston with pure water, passed on the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, shall be restricted to the line now occupied by them for the purpose specified in the third section.

May 7, 1851.

[1846, 167; 1849, 187.]

### 1851. — CHAPTER 243.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOSTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

City council of  
Boston may pass  
ordinances, and  
appoint officers.

R.O. c. 33,  
§§ 2, 3.

SECTION 1. The third section of the one hundred and thirty-first chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, being an act entitled "an act to establish the Boston lunatic hospital," is so amended that the city council of the city of Boston shall have power to pass such ordinances as they may deem expedient, for conducting, in a proper manner, the business of that institution, and for appointing such officers as, in their opinion, may be necessary.

<sup>1</sup> Adopted June 4, 1850.

SECT. 2. The second section of the said chapter is hereby re- Repealed.  
pealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from, and after its passage.

*May 23, 1851.*

[1839, 181; 1840, 79; 1857, 35, 281, 302.]

### 1852. — CHAPTER 165.

#### AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOSTON PORT SOCIETY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

From and after the passage of this act, the real estate now owned by the Boston Port Society shall be exempt from taxation so long as the income shall be applied in furtherance and support of the charitable uses and purposes of improving the moral and religious condition of seamen in the city of Boston and its vicinity.

Real estate exempted from taxation.

*April 30, 1852.*

### 1852. — CHAPTER 266.

#### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 3. Whenever the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston shall adjudge that the public safety and convenience require that any street, lane, or alley, in the said city, shall be laid out, altered, or discontinued, they shall make and record an estimate of the expense thereof, and, if such estimate shall exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, or, if such estimate, with the estimates of any previous alteration or discontinuance of any part of such street, lane, or alley, during the municipal year, shall exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, the order of such laying out, alteration, or discontinuance, together with an estimate of the expense thereof, shall be sent to the common council for its concurrence or rejection; and such order shall not take effect or be in force until the common council shall concur therein.

How streets, lanes, etc., are to be laid out, altered, etc. Superseded by 1870, 337, § 3.

SECT. 4. No erection, alteration, or repair, of any court-house, jail, house of correction, fire-proof office, or any other building, for the purposes of the county of Suffolk, shall be made by the mayor and aldermen of the said city, except as herein provided, to wit: whenever the mayor and aldermen shall by vote declare that such erection, alteration, or repair, is necessary or expedient, they shall make and record an estimate of the expense thereof, and, if such estimate shall exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, a copy of the said vote and estimate shall be sent to the common council for its concurrence, rejection, or amendment; and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are repealed.

Proceedings when public buildings are to be erected. 1850, 128.

SECT. 5. The first four sections of this act shall not go into effect unless they be approved by a majority of the legal voters of the city of Boston, voting thereon, severally, by yea and nay ballot, in their respective wards, at the annual election of state officers in November next; and the mayor and aldermen of the said city shall insert, in the warrant for the aforesaid election, an article submitting the aforesaid question to the decision of the said legal voters of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

Not to take effect till accepted by legal voters.

*May 20, 1852.*

[1880, 128.]

<sup>1</sup> Sections one and two were rejected, and sections three and four accepted, November 8, 1852.

## 1853. — CHAPTER 38.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO FOUND AND MAINTAIN  
A PUBLIC LIBRARY.*Be it enacted, etc. :*City council may  
make expendi-  
tures and reg-  
ulations.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to found and maintain a public library, and to make such expenditures, establish such regulations, fix such penalties for the breach thereof, and do all such acts and things as may be deemed necessary and proper to that end; and the powers hereinbefore named may be exercised by the city council of the said city, in any manner in which they may prescribe, and by the agency of any persons to whom they may delegate the same: *provided, however*, that the expenditures hereinbefore mentioned shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, within four years from the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three; [nor the sum of ten thousand dollars in any one year after that time.<sup>1</sup>]

May appoint an  
agent.

Proviso.

Former act re-  
pealed.When to take  
effect.

SECT. 2. The fifty-second chapter of the statutes of the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, entitled "an act to authorize the city of Boston to establish a public library," is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its acceptance by the city council of the said city of Boston.<sup>2</sup>

March 12, 1853.

[1857, 11; 1878, 114; 1880, 222; 1882, 143; 1883, 141.]

## 1853. — CHAPTER 131.

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GERRISH MARKET.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Corporators.

To own and  
manage a mar-  
ket in Boston.

SECTION 1. George W. Gerrish, Charles L. Hancock, George Meacham, Robert Farley, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Gerrish market, for the purpose of owning and managing a market for the sale and storage of country produce and other merchandise, now located in Sudbury street, between Portland and Friend streets, in the northerly section of the city of Boston, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the revised statutes: *provided*, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to authorize said corporation to engage in buying or selling produce or merchandise of any description.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate for the purpose aforesaid, not exceeding in amount three hundred thousand dollars: *provided*, that no shares in the capital stock of said corporation, shall be issued for a less sum or amount, to be actually paid in on each, than the par value of the shares which shall be first issued.

City council to  
make and en-  
force police reg-  
ulations.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston may, by its city council, or by any person or body to whom said council shall delegate its power, make and enforce suitable and proper police regulations, in and around said market and its appurtenances.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 8, 1853.

<sup>1</sup> Repealed by St. 1857, c. 11.<sup>2</sup> Accepted April 14, 1863.

1853. — CHAPTER 141.

AN ACT CONCERNING STREETS AND WAYS IN THE CITY OF ROXBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. When any street or way, which now is, or hereafter shall be, opened in the city of Roxbury, over any private land by the owners thereof, and dedicated to, or permitted to be used by, the public, before such street shall have been accepted and laid out according to law, it shall be the duty of the owners of the lots abutting thereon, to grade such street or way at their own expense, in such manner as the safety and convenience of the public shall, in the opinion of the mayor and aldermen of said city, require, and if the owners of such abutting lots shall, after reasonable notice given by the said mayor and aldermen, neglect or refuse to grade such street or way in manner aforesaid, or to close the same from the public, if the same shall not have been dedicated to the public use, it shall be lawful for the said mayor and aldermen to cause the same to be graded as aforesaid, and the expense thereof shall, after due notice to the parties interested, be equitably assessed upon the owners of such abutting lots, by the said mayor and aldermen, in such proportions as they shall judge reasonable; and all assessments so made shall be a lien upon such abutting lands, in like manner as taxes are now a lien upon real estate: *provided, always*, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect any agreements heretofore made respecting any such streets or ways as aforesaid, between such owners and said city: *provided, also*, that any such grading of any street or way, by the mayor and aldermen aforesaid, shall not be construed to be an acceptance of such street or way by the city of Roxbury.

Abutters to grade streets or ways given to public use.

Proceedings in case of neglect or refusal.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. No street or way shall hereafter be opened as aforesaid in said city, of a less width than thirty feet, except with the consent of said mayor and aldermen in writing first had and obtained for that purpose.

Width of streets.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect in thirty days from the passing thereof, unless the city council of said city shall within that time vote not to accept the same.<sup>1</sup>

April 12, 1853.

1853. — CHAPTER 154.

AN ACT REGULATING THE STORAGE, SAFE-KEEPING, AND SALE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1 It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to keep or sell any fireworks within the city of Boston, in any quantity, without first having obtained from the chief engineer of the fire department of said city a license therefor, signed by the chief engineer or by the secretary of the board of engineers, on which shall be written or printed a copy of the rules and regulations by them established, relative to the keeping, selling, or storage, of fireworks within said city; and every such license shall be in force until the first day of May next ensuing the date thereof, unless sooner annulled by the board of engineers, and no longer; but such license may, prior to the expiration of that term, be renewed by the chief engineer or the said secretary, from year to year, by indorsement thereon: *provided*,

Chief engineer may license to sell fireworks, etc.  
R.O., c. 45.

Proviso.

<sup>1</sup>This act took effect as provided in section three, the city council of Roxbury having taken no action thereon.



Licenses to expire on the first day of May annually.

Penalty for selling without license.

*always*, that the board of engineers may rescind any such license, if in their opinion the person or persons have disobeyed the law, or infringed on any rules or regulations established by the board of engineers; and every person who receives a license to sell fireworks, as aforesaid, shall pay for the same the sum of one dollar, and the same sum for the renewal thereof, and all such licenses shall expire on the first day of May, annually, and all moneys received for licenses shall be paid to the board of engineers, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of carrying this act into execution.

SECT. 2. Any person or persons who have for sale or keep in possession any fireworks within the city of Boston, contrary to the rules and regulations established by the board of engineers herein mentioned, or who shall sell any fireworks in said city without first having obtained from the chief engineer, or his secretary, a license as aforesaid, shall forfeit a sum not less than fifteen not more than fifty dollars for each offence.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 14, 1853.

[1878, 45.]

## 1853. — CHAPTER 255.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MOUNT WASHINGTON AVENUE CORPORATION.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Corporators.

SECTION 1. Benjamin T. Reed, Deming Jarves, and Eben Jones, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the revised statutes.

May construct a pile bridge.

SECT. 2. The said corporation may construct and maintain a pile bridge, not exceeding seventy feet in width, commencing at some point to be selected between the wharves known as Wales's wharf and Foundry wharf, on Sea street, in Boston, and extending from the point selected across Fore Point channel to the harbor line established by "an act concerning the harbor of Boston," passed on the seventeenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, and not more than fifteen hundred feet northerly from the southerly angle of said line, with a suitable draw and draw piers for the accommodation of vessels passing through the said bridge, subject to be altered and widened at the expense of the said corporation and their assigns, as the legislature may, from time to time, require.

With draw and draw-piers.

May purchase or take land.

SECT. 3. The said corporation may purchase, or otherwise enter upon and take, any land necessary for the purpose, and may make a street or avenue, not exceeding seventy feet in width, from the westerly termination of said bridge to Sea street; and, if the corporation are not able to agree with the owners of such land, then the actual damage shall be assessed and paid to the owners in the manner provided by the laws of this commonwealth, in the case of laying out or widening streets in the city of Boston.

May construct a solid avenue with draws.

SECT. 4. The said corporation may construct and maintain a solid avenue, not exceeding eighty feet in width from the easterly termination of the said bridge, over the flats of the shore owners, within the line of private rights and in a line parallel with West Broadway, to some point in I street, continued in South Boston, and

thence easterly to the uplands owned by the city of Boston; and the said avenue shall be provided with such convenient draws and sluiceways as may be deemed necessary by the commissioners hereinafter named; but nothing in this act contained shall authorize the filling up of the dock near Dorchester street, laid out by agreement recorded in Suffolk registry of deeds, liber two hundred and thirty, folio one hundred and seven.

SECT. 5. The said corporation may purchase, or otherwise enter upon and take, any land or flats necessary for the purpose of constructing the avenue authorized by the fourth section of this act; and, if they shall not be able to obtain such land by any agreement with the owner or owners thereof, then the actual damage shall be assessed and paid to the owners, in the manner provided by the laws of this commonwealth, in the case of laying out or widening streets in the city of Boston.

Land damages,  
how settled.

SECT. 6. The said corporation shall, before proceeding, under this act, to take the land or flats of other persons, give bonds, with satisfactory sureties, to the city of Boston, for the use of the owners of lands so taken, that they will pay all such damages as may be assessed against them, as provided for in the preceding sections.

Corporation to  
give bonds  
before taking  
land.

SECT. 7. The city of Boston may, by vote of the mayor and aldermen, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between them and the said corporation, take and hold all the rights and powers granted by this act, and construct and maintain, or maintain after they are constructed, the street, bridge, and avenue, herein authorized: *provided*, that the said city, in case of such transfer, shall be subject to the same duties, as are imposed by this act upon the corporation aforesaid; and, before such transfer, the said city shall not be liable for damages by reason of any defect or want of repair therein.<sup>1</sup>

City of Boston  
may hold the  
rights, etc.

Proviso.

SECT. 8. Before commencing the construction of the bridge aforesaid, the said corporation shall give bonds, with satisfactory sureties, to the attorney-general of this commonwealth, in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, that the draw in the same shall be properly raised for the passage of vessels by night and by day, until such time as the said bridge may be transferred to, and accepted by, the city of Boston.

Corporation to  
give bond to  
raise draw.

SECT. 9. The said corporation may, with the consent and under the direction of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, construct and maintain a double railroad track through the whole or any part of the said avenue, bridge, and street, to Sea street, and thence to the Boston and Worcester railroad, which track shall be used for horse-power only, and not for steam-engines, and may be connected with and worked by the Boston and Worcester railroad corporation, and by this corporation, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between them.

Corporation  
may lay railroad  
track.

SECT. 10. The said avenue, bridge, and street, shall be open to the public for travel, free of toll; but the railroad tracks provided for in this act shall be used only with the consent of this corporation, or those who may succeed to their rights in the same, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

Avenue to be  
toll free.

SECT. 11. The said corporation may purchase, hold, and convey, such real and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes authorized by this act.

May hold and  
convey estate.

<sup>1</sup> On August 4, 1854, the city entered into a contract with the Mount Washington Avenue Corporation, for the construction of the avenue from Granite street to I street, and giving to the city authority to construct the bridge, street, and avenue, described in the charter, by such parties as the city might select. On August 7, 1854, the city executed a contract with the Boston Wharf Company for the construction of said bridge, street, and avenue, releasing Granite street to the city, and giving the city rights of drainage to the sea. See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), pp. 70, 71.

Bay State Iron  
Company may  
cross avenue.

SECT. 12. The Bay State Iron Company may extend their present railroad tracks to their own premises in South Boston, across the avenue of this corporation.

Governor to ap-  
point commis-  
sioners.

SECT. 13. The said street, bridge, and avenue, with all their respective abutments, draws and draw piers, and sluiceways, shall be constructed under the direction, and to the satisfaction, of a commissioner, to be appointed by the governor and council, and to be paid by the said corporation; and the said corporation shall keep the same, together with the said railroad tracks, in good repair and safe condition, and shall open the said draws, and afford all proper and convenient accommodation to vessels having occasion to pass the same, by day and by night.

Capital stock.

SECT. 14. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and no shares shall be issued for a less sum, to be actually paid in on each, than the par value of the shares which shall be first issued.

To be completed  
in three years, or  
act void.

SECT. 15. If the said street, bridge, and avenue, shall not be completed within three years from the passage of this act, then this act shall be void.

April 28, 1853.

## 1853. — CHAPTER 266.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD A WHARF.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

East Boston.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, owning flats situated on Condor street, in that part of Boston known as East Boston, and lying between, and adjoining, land and flats, now or lately belonging to Robert G. Shaw, on the westerly side, and Charles J. Hendee, on the easterly side of said land and flats, is hereby authorized to build and maintain a wharf on said flats, and to extend it into the harbor channel, as far as the line established by the act entitled "an act concerning the harbor of Boston," passed the second day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and shall have the right to lay vessels at the end and sides of said wharf, and receive wharfage and dockage therefor: *provided, however*, that this grant shall not be construed to extend to any flats or land of this commonwealth, lying in front of the flats of any other person, or which would be comprehended by the true lines of such flats continued to the said commissioners' line; and *provided, also*, that so much of said wharf as may be constructed below low water mark shall be built on piles, which piles shall not be nearer to each other than six feet in the direction of the stream, and eight feet in a transverse direction; and that this act shall in no wise impair the legal rights of any person whatever.

Right of wharf-  
age.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 30, 1853.

## 1854. — CHAPTER 353.

### AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RAILROADS TO TAP THE COCHITUATE WATER PIPE AT CHARLESTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Corporations  
may take water.

SECTION 1. The Boston and Maine Railroad, the Eastern Railroad, and the Fitchburg Railroad Companies, with the assent of the city of Boston, and on such terms and conditions as the said city shall deter-

mine, are hereby severally authorized to insert into the main pipe which conveys the Cochituate water to the state prison, a service pipe for the purpose of taking water for the use of said corporations respectively: *provided*, that each of said corporations inserting a service pipe, as aforesaid, pay to the warden of the state prison such sum or sums, for the use of such pipe, as may be mutually agreed upon by the inspectors of said prison and such corporation. Proviso.

SECT. 2. Each of said corporations shall have power, with the assent of the city of Charlestown, to open any of the streets or ways of said city, that may be necessary for the purpose of laying down or repairing the service pipes aforesaid. May open streets.

SECT. 3. Each of said corporations is hereby authorized to carry said service pipe across the channel of Miller's river, in such manner as not to interfere with the navigation thereof; the manner of crossing said channel to be under the direction of a commissioner, who shall be appointed by the governor for that purpose, and who shall be paid for his services by the corporation or corporations requiring such services. To cross channel.

SECT. 4. This act shall be void unless accepted by the city council of Boston within sixty days after its passage.<sup>1</sup>

April 24, 1854.

#### 1854. — CHAPTER 408.

##### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY OUT A HIGHWAY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out a highway, in continuation of Clinton street, in said city, not exceeding sixty feet wide, and extending from the easterly line of Commercial street, easterly, not exceeding two hundred and forty feet, and from some point on the said continuation, extending north-easterly, not exceeding sixty-six feet wide, and nearly parallel with said Commercial street, to Eastern Packet pier, and from some point on the said continuation of Clinton street, extending south-westerly, not exceeding forty feet in width, to City wharf, so called: *provided*, that the assent of the proprietors of the flats over which the said highway shall pass, shall be first obtained. Highway in Boston. Proviso.

SECT. 2. An act entitled "an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay out a highway," passed April twelve, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, is hereby repealed. Act repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 28, 1854.

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<sup>1</sup> Accepted by the city council, June 15, 1854.

AN ACT TO REVISE  
THE CHARTER  
OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.<sup>1</sup>

St. 1854. c. 448.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—*

Corporate  
powers.  
1 Mch. 375.  
1 Met. 473.

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the city of Boston, for all the purposes for which towns and cities are by law incorporated in this commonwealth, shall continue to be one body politic, in fact and in name, under the style and denomination of The City of Boston: and as such, shall have, exercise, and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations now incumbent upon, and appertaining to, said city, as a municipal corporation.

City govern-  
ment.

SECT. 2. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential, and municipal concerns of said city, with the conduct and government thereof, shall be vested in one principal officer, to be styled the mayor, one council of twelve persons, to be called the board of aldermen, and one council of forty-eight<sup>2</sup> persons, to be called the common council, which boards, in their joint capacity, shall be denominated the city council; and also in such other boards of officers as are hereinafter specified.

Division into  
twelve wards.  
1875, 243.  
P. S. 28, 14.

[SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the city council, and they are empowered, during the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and whenever thereafter they may deem it expedient, not oftener than once in ten years, to cause a new division of the city to be made into twelve wards, in such manner as to include an equal number of voters in each ward, as nearly as conveniently may be, consistently with well-defined limits to each ward; and until such division be made, the boundary lines of the wards shall remain as now established.]<sup>3</sup>

Annual meeting  
for the election  
of city officers.

SECT. 4. The annual meeting of citizens for the election of municipal officers hereinafter mentioned, shall be held on the second

<sup>1</sup> The establishment of the town of Boston dates from the passage of the order of the Court of Assistants, September 17 (7th, O. S.) 1630, "that Trimountain shall be called Boston." The act of the legislature establishing the city of Boston was passed February 23, 1822, and adopted March 4, 1822 (St. 1821, c. 110). The Act to revise the Charter (St. 1854, c. 448) is here printed as it was enacted. The sections which have been repealed or superseded, are enclosed in brackets, and amendments or modifications are indicated in the notes.

Roxbury was first recognized by the Court of Assistants as a town October 8, 1630. It was incorporated as a city March 12, 1846 (St. 1846, c. 95), and annexed to Boston by vote of the two cities September 9, 1867 (St. 1867, c. 350). Dorchester was named by the Court of Assistants in the same order in which Boston was named, and it retained its town organization until annexed to Boston, June 22, 1869 (St. 1869, c. 349). Charlestown was founded July 4, 1629; incorporated as a city in 1847 (St. 1847, c. 29); annexed to Boston October 7, 1873 (St. 1873, c. 286). West Roxbury was incorporated as a town March 24, 1851 (St. 1851, c. 250); annexed to Boston October 7, 1873 (St. 1873, c. 314). Brighton was incorporated as a town in 1806 (St. 1806, c. 65); annexed to Boston October 7, 1873 (St. 1873, c. 303).

The changes in the original charter (St. 1821, c. 110), prior to the general revision, may be traced through the following statutes, which, having been repealed or superseded, are not printed in this volume: 1822, 85, 107; 1823, 2; 1824, 28, 49; 1829, 80; 1830, 7; 1831, 38; 1833, 123; 1860, 167; 1851, 337; 1852, 266; 1853, 354.

<sup>2</sup> By St. 1875, c. 243, the number was increased to seventy-two.

<sup>3</sup> St. 1875, c. 243, required the city council in 1875, and during each tenth year thereafter, to cause a division of the city to be made into twenty-four wards. By St. 1876, c. 242, Ward 22 was divided into two wards, one being numbered twenty-five.

Monday<sup>1</sup> of December, and the citizens of said city, qualified to vote in city affairs, shall, for the purpose of such election, then meet together within the wards<sup>2</sup> in which they respectively reside, at such hour and place as the board of aldermen may, by their warrant, direct and appoint; and the person receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be deemed and declared to be elected to such office; and, whenever two or more persons are to be elected to the same office, the several persons, to the number required to be chosen, having the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected.

[SECT. 5.<sup>3</sup> Every person so chosen in any ward shall, within forty-eight hours of his election, be furnished by the clerk with a certificate thereof, signed by the warden, clerk, and a majority of the inspectors, which certificate shall be presumptive evidence of the title of such person to the office therein mentioned.]

Certificates of election to be furnished.

SECT. 6. The municipal officers to be chosen at the annual election shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices on the first Monday of January.

Commencement of municipal year.

[SECT. 7.<sup>4</sup> The qualified voters of said city shall, at the annual meeting, choose, by ballot, one warden and one clerk, and five inspectors of elections for each ward, who shall be resident in said ward, and who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead.]

Election of ward officers.

[SECT. 8. The ward officers mentioned in the preceding section shall respectively make oath faithfully and impartially to discharge their several duties, which oath may be administered by the clerk of such ward to the warden, and by the latter to the clerk and inspectors, or to all of said officers, by any justice of the peace for the county of Suffolk; and a certificate thereof shall be entered in the record to be kept by the clerk of the ward.]

Ward officers to be sworn.

[SECT. 9. In case of the non-election of any ward officer at the annual meeting adjournments may be had for the purpose of effecting such election, in the same manner as is hereinafter provided with regard to the election of members of the common council.]

Non-election of ward officers.

[SECT. 10. In case of the absence of any ward officer at any ward meeting such officer may be chosen *pro tempore*, by hand vote, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties of the regular officer, at such meeting.]

Absence of ward officers.

[SECT. 11. It shall be the duty of the warden to preside at all ward meetings, with the powers of moderators of town meetings. In case of his absence, the clerk, and, in case of the absence of the clerk, any inspector shall preside according to seniority, until a warden shall be chosen, as provided in the preceding section.]

Power and duty of warden.

[SECT. 12. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make a fair and true record, and to keep an exact journal of all the acts and votes of citizens at the ward meetings, and to deliver over such records and journals, together with other documents and papers held by him in his said capacity, to his successor in office.]

Duties of ward clerk.

[SECT. 13. It shall be the duty of the warden and inspectors of each ward to receive, sort and count, and of the warden to declare, all votes at any election within such ward.]

Duties of warden and inspectors.

[SECT. 14. It shall be the duty of all ward officers, authorized to preside and act at elections of city officers, to attend and perform

Duties of ward officers at all elections.

<sup>1</sup> By P. S. c. 7, § 67, the municipal election is now held on the Tuesday next following the second Monday.

<sup>2</sup> St. 1878, c. 243, § 1 provides for a division of each ward into precincts, and requires (§ 4) meetings for elections to be "at the several polling-places" within each ward.

<sup>3</sup> Annulled by St. 1878, c. 243, § 2.

<sup>4</sup> Sections seven to fourteen, inclusive, were repealed by St. 1878, c. 246. By St. 1878, c. 246, § 2, the powers, duties, and liabilities of ward officers devolved on precinct officers.

their respective duties at the times and places appointed for elections of any officers, whether of the United States, state, city, or wards, and to make and sign the regular returns of the same.]

Election of mayor.

SECT. 15. The qualified voters of said city shall, at the annual meeting, be called upon to give in their votes for one able and discreet person, being an inhabitant of the city, to be mayor of said city for the term of one year. [All the ballots, so given in, in each ward, being sorted, counted and declared, shall be recorded at large by the clerk, in open ward meeting; and, in making such declaration and record, the whole number of votes or ballots given in shall be distinctly stated, together with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes given for each person respectively; such numbers to be expressed in words at length, and a transcript of such record, certified and authenticated by the warden, clerk, and a majority of the inspectors of elections, for each ward, shall forthwith be transmitted or delivered by such ward clerk to the clerk of the city. It shall be the duty of the city clerk forthwith to enter such returns, or a plain and intelligible abstract of them, as they are successively received, upon the journal of the proceedings of the board of aldermen, or some other book to be kept for that purpose.]

Board of aldermen to examine returns of votes for mayor.

SECT. 16.<sup>2</sup> The board of aldermen shall, as soon as conveniently may be, within three days of such election, meet together and examine all the said returns, and they shall cause the person who may have been elected mayor to be notified, in writing, of his election; but if it shall appear by said returns that no person has been elected, or if the person elected shall refuse to accept the office, the board shall issue their warrants for a new election, and the same proceedings shall be had as are provided in the preceding section for the choice of a mayor, and repeated, from time to time, until a mayor shall be chosen.

Proceedings in case of no choice of mayor before the commencement of the municipal year.

SECT. 17. Whenever, on examination by the board of aldermen of the returns of votes given for mayor, at the meetings of the wards holden for the purpose of electing that officer, last preceding the first Monday of January in each year, no person shall appear to be chosen, the board of aldermen, by whom such examination is made, shall make a record of that fact, an attested copy of which record it shall be the duty of the city clerk to produce and read, on the first Monday of January, in the presence of the members returned to serve as aldermen and common councilmen; and the oaths prescribed by law may be administered to the members elect. The members of the board of aldermen shall thereupon proceed to elect a chairman, and the common council a president, in their respective chambers; and, being respectively organized, they shall proceed to business in the manner hereinafter provided in case of the absence of the mayor; and the board of aldermen shall forthwith issue their warrants for meetings of the citizens of the respective wards, for the choice of a mayor, at such time and place as they shall judge most convenient; and the same proceedings shall be had, in all respects, as are hereinbefore directed, and shall be repeated, from time to time, until a mayor shall be duly chosen.

Proceedings in case no mayor is chosen, or a full board of aldermen is not elected. 1884, 250.

SECT. 18. Whenever it shall appear, by the regular returns of the elections of city officers, that a mayor has not been chosen, or that a full board of aldermen has not been elected, such of the board of aldermen, whether they constitute a quorum or not, as may have been chosen, shall issue their warrant in the usual form, for the election of a mayor, or such members of the board of aldermen as may be neces-

<sup>1</sup> Modified by statutes dividing wards into precincts, and prescribing the duties of precinct officers. See St. 1878, c. 243, §§ 4, 18, 19; 1884, c. 299, § 19.

<sup>2</sup> Modified by St. 1884, c. 299, § 32.

sary, and the same proceedings shall be had and repeated until the election of a mayor and aldermen shall be completed, and all vacancies shall be filled in the said board; and in case neither a mayor nor any alderman shall be elected at the usual time for electing the same, and after the powers of the former mayor and aldermen shall have ceased, it shall be the duty of the president of the common council to issue his warrant in the same manner as the board of aldermen would have done, if elected, and the same proceedings shall be had and repeated until a mayor or one or more aldermen shall be elected.

[SECT. 19.<sup>1</sup> The qualified voters of said city shall, at the annual meeting, be called upon to give in their votes for twelve persons, being inhabitants of said city, to constitute the board of aldermen for the ensuing year, and all the votes so given, being sorted, counted and declared, by the warden and inspectors, shall be recorded at large by the clerk, in open ward meeting; and, in making such declaration and record, the whole number of votes or ballots given in shall be particularly stated, together with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes given for each person; and a transcript of such record, certified by the warden and clerk, and a majority of the inspectors of each ward, shall forthwith be transmitted to the city clerk; whereupon the same proceedings shall be had, to ascertain and determine the persons chosen as aldermen, as are hereinbefore directed in regard to the choice of mayor, and for a new election, in case of the whole number required not being chosen at the first election. And each alderman so chosen shall be duly notified, in writing, of his election, by the mayor and aldermen for the time being.]

Election of  
aldermen.  
1884, 250.

[SECT. 20.<sup>2</sup> The qualified voters of each ward shall, at the annual election, be called upon to give in their votes for four able and discreet men, being inhabitants of the ward, to be members of the common council for the ensuing year; and all the ballots so given in, in each ward, being sorted, counted and declared, a public declaration of the result shall be made by the warden in open ward meeting; and a record of such proceeding shall be kept by the clerk in his journal, stating particularly the whole number of ballots given in, the number necessary to make a choice, the number actually given for each person, the whole to be written in words at length.]

Election of  
common councilmen.  
1875, 243.  
1876, 243, § 8.  
1878, 242.

[SECT. 21.<sup>3</sup> In case four persons are not chosen at the first balloting in any ward, the meeting of such ward shall be adjourned by the presiding officer, for the purpose of filling such vacancies, to a period not less than twenty-four nor more than seventy-two hours distant from the hour when the polls were opened at the first balloting; the time of adjournment, within such limits, to be determined by the warden, with the consent of a majority of the inspectors who may be present when such adjournment is had; and such notice shall be given of the time of such adjournment, and the time the polls will be kept open, as the warden may direct; and at such adjourned meeting a balloting shall be opened for a number of common councilmen sufficient to complete the number of four, which shall be conducted and its results be declared and recorded, in the same manner as before prescribed for the first balloting.]

Proceedings in  
case there is no  
choice of com-  
mon council-  
men.  
1875, 243.  
1876, 242.  
1880, 225, § 6.  
P.S. 28, § 19.

[SECT. 22.<sup>4</sup> In case there shall still be vacancies in the number of common councilmen in any ward, adjournments of the meetings of

Same subject.  
1880, 225, § 6.

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1884, c. 250, the city was divided into twelve aldermanic districts, the qualified voters of each to elect at the annual municipal election one member of the board of aldermen.

<sup>2</sup> St. 1875, c. 243, provided for the election of three members of the common council from each ward. St. 1876, c. 242, provided for the division of ward twenty-two into two wards, and for the election alternately of one and two members of the council from said wards.

<sup>3</sup> Sections 21, 22, 23 and 25 were repealed by St. 1880, c. 225, § 6. The same act provided for filling vacancies.



the citizens thereof, for the purpose of filling the same, shall continue to be had in the same manner, to periods not less than twenty-four nor more than seventy-two hours distant from each other, at all of which the balloting shall be conducted, and the result be declared and recorded, in the same manner as before prescribed, until the number of four shall be duly chosen. And at all such adjournments the polls shall be kept open the same number of hours as were required by the original warrant.]

Same subject.  
1880, 225, § 6.

[SECT. 23.<sup>1</sup> If at the close of the last legally adjourned meeting of any ward as aforesaid, preceding the first Monday in January, there shall still be vacancies in the number of common councilmen for any ward, no further adjournment shall be had; but a record of the fact, and of the number of such vacancies, shall be made by the clerk of the ward in his journal, signed therein by the warden, clerk, and a majority of the inspectors, an attested copy of which record shall forthwith be delivered by the clerk of the ward to the city clerk, who shall lay the same before the common council at their first meeting in January.]

Board of aldermen, etc., to judge of elections.  
1876, 241.

SECT. 24. The board of aldermen, the common council, and the school committee, shall have authority to decide upon all questions relative to the qualifications, elections and returns of their respective members.

Vacancies in city or ward offices.  
1880, 225, §§ 5, 6.

[SECT. 25.<sup>1</sup> Whenever it shall appear to the board of aldermen that there is a vacancy, by removal from the city, or by death, resignation or otherwise, in the board of aldermen, the common council, [the school committee,]<sup>2</sup> or in any of the city and ward offices, it shall be the duty of said board to issue their warrant, in due form, to fill all such vacancies in each and all of said boards and offices, at such time and place as they may deem advisable; and the same proceedings shall be had, and adjournments if necessary, within the same limits as are herein prescribed for the annual meeting for the election of common councilmen. But in case of vacancies in the common council and school committee<sup>1</sup> such warrant shall not be issued until the board of aldermen receive official information thereof.]

Removal of city or ward officers from their wards.  
P.S. 27, § 89.  
P.S. 28, § 2.

SECT. 26. All city and ward officers shall be held to discharge the duties of the offices to which they have been respectively elected, notwithstanding their removal after their election out of their respective wards into any other wards of the city; but they shall not be so held after they take up their permanent residence out of the city.

Organization of city council.

SECT. 27. The mayor, aldermen, and common councilmen, on the first Monday of January, or before entering on the duties of their offices, shall respectively be sworn by taking the oath of allegiance and oath of office prescribed in the constitution of this commonwealth, and an oath to support the constitution of the United States. And such oaths may be administered to the mayor elect by any one of the justices of the supreme judicial court, or any judge of any court of record commissioned to hold any such court within the said city, or by any justice of the peace for the county of Suffolk. And such oaths shall be administered to the aldermen and members of the common council by the mayor, being himself first sworn as aforesaid, or by either of the persons authorized to administer said oath to the mayor; and a certificate of such oaths having been taken shall be entered in the journal of the mayor and aldermen and of the common council, respectively, by their respective clerks.

Oath of office.

<sup>1</sup> See *ante*, page 4, note 3.

<sup>2</sup> By P. S., c. 44, § 22, vacancies in the school committee are filled by the school committee and board of aldermen in convention.

SECT. 28. In case of the unavoidable absence on account of sickness, or otherwise, of the mayor elect, on the first Monday in January, the city government shall organize itself in the mode hereinbefore provided in cases wherein no person shall have been elected mayor at the meeting last preceding the first Monday in January, and may proceed to business in the same manner as if the mayor were present.

Absence of  
mayor elect.

SECT. 29. After the organization of the city government and the qualification of a mayor, and when a quorum of the board of aldermen shall be present, said board, the mayor presiding, shall proceed to choose a permanent chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the board and at conventions of the two branches in the absence of the mayor; and in case of any vacancy in the office of mayor, for any cause, he shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the office as long as such vacancy shall continue. But he shall continue to have a vote in the board, and shall not have the veto power.

Aldermen to  
choose a per-  
manent chair-  
man.

SECT. 30. The mayor, aldermen and common council, in convention, in the month of January, shall choose a clerk for the term of one year, and until another person is duly chosen and qualified in his stead, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and shall be removable at the pleasure of the board of aldermen, the mayor thereto consenting. He shall be denominated the city clerk, and it shall be his duty to keep a journal of the acts and proceedings of the board of aldermen, to sign all warrants issued by them, and to do such other acts in his said capacity as may lawfully and reasonably be required of him; and to deliver over all journals, books, papers and documents, intrusted to him as such clerk, to his successor in office, immediately upon such successor being chosen and qualified as aforesaid, or whenever he may be thereunto required by the aldermen. The city clerk thus chosen and qualified shall continue to have all the powers and perform all the duties now by law belonging to him.

City Clerk.  
P.S. 28, § 10.  
R.O. c. 8.

SECT. 31. In case of a vacancy in the office of city clerk, from any cause, the same shall be filled in the manner provided in the preceding section.

Vacancy in  
office of city  
clerk.

SECT. 32.<sup>1</sup> [In case of the temporary absence of the city clerk, the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen, may appoint a city clerk *pro tempore*.]

Absence of  
city clerk.  
R.O. c. 8, §§ 2, 3.

SECT. 33. [The administration of police] together with the executive powers of the said corporation generally, and all the powers formerly vested in the selectmen of the town of Boston, either by the general laws of this commonwealth, by particular laws relative to the powers and duties of said selectmen, or by the usages, votes or by-laws of said town, and all the powers subsequently vested in the mayor and aldermen<sup>2</sup> of said city, as county commissioners<sup>4</sup> or otherwise, shall be and hereby are vested in the board of aldermen as hereby constituted, as fully and amply as if the same were herein specially enumerated. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Their meetings shall be public, and the mayor, if present, shall preside, but without a vote.

Powers and  
duties of  
mayor and  
aldermen.

P.S. 22, § 30.  
P.S. 49, § 84.  
1870, 317.  
1882, 164.

<sup>1</sup> See P. S., c. 28, § 10, for authority to establish the office of assistant city clerk.

<sup>2</sup> Transferred to the board of police commissioners by St. 1878, c. 244.

<sup>3</sup> "In all laws relating to cities, the words mayor and aldermen shall, unless provision is or shall be otherwise made, be construed to mean board of aldermen, anything in the charter of any city or in any act in amendment thereof to the contrary notwithstanding: *provided, however*, that all appointments which are directed to be made by the mayor and aldermen shall be made in accordance with existing provisions of law." St. 1882, c. 164.

<sup>4</sup> By St. 1870, c. 337, the powers formerly exercised by the board of aldermen, relative to laying out, widening, and discontinuing streets, and the abatement of taxes vested in the board of street commissioners.

Common council a separate body.

President.

Clerk.

Sittings to be public.

Quorum.

Powers of city council.  
1s21, 110, § 16.  
122 Mass. 344.

By-laws.  
P.S. 27, 28.  
3 Pick. 482.  
6 Pick. 187.  
11 Pick. 168.  
16 Pick. 504.  
2 Cush. 562.  
9 Met. 233.  
12 Gray 161.  
115 Mass. 217.  
117 Mass. 114.  
121 Mass. 856.  
126 Mass. 431.  
128 Mass. 213, 330.  
133 Mass. 372.

Assessment of taxes.  
P.S. 11, 27, 29.  
13 Mass. 274.  
6 Pick. 101.  
12 Pick. 227.  
23 Pick. 71.  
4 Gray 502.  
1 Allen 103.  
108 Mass. 408.  
112 Mass. 127, 275.

Collection of taxes.

Assessors to be chosen.  
1884, 123.  
R.O. c. 20.

Bonds, etc., may be required.  
R.O. c. 6, 12, § 1; 13, § 1; 24, § 9.

City council may provide for the appointment of city officers.

SECT. 34. The persons so chosen and qualified as members of the common council of the said city shall sit and act together as a separate body, distinct from that of the board of aldermen, except in those cases in which the two bodies are to meet in convention; and the said council shall have power, from time to time, to choose one of their own members to preside over their deliberations, and to preserve order therein, and also to choose a clerk, who shall be under oath faithfully to discharge the duties of his office, who shall hold such office during the pleasure of said council, and whose duty it shall be to attend said council when the same is in session, to keep a journal of its acts, votes and proceedings, and to perform such other services, in said capacity as said council may require. All sittings of the common council shall be public; and [twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business].

SECT. 35. All other powers heretofore by law vested in the town of Boston, or in the inhabitants thereof, as a municipal corporation, or in the city council of the city of Boston, shall be and hereby are continued to be vested in the mayor, aldermen and common council of the said city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each board as hereby constituted having a negative upon the proceedings of the other, and the mayor having a veto power as hereinafter provided. More especially they shall have power to make all such needful and salutary by-laws or ordinances, not inconsistent with the laws of this commonwealth, as towns by the laws of this commonwealth have power to make and establish, and to annex penalties not exceeding fifty dollars for the breach thereof, which by-laws and ordinances shall take effect, and be in force from and after the time therein respectively limited,<sup>1</sup> without the sanction or confirmation of any court or other authority whatsoever.

SECT. 36. The city council shall also have power, from time to time, to lay and assess taxes for all purposes for which towns are by law required or authorized to assess and grant money, and also for all purposes for which county taxes may be levied and assessed, so long as other towns in the county shall not be liable to taxation for county purposes. But in the assessment and apportionment of all such taxes upon the polls and estates of all persons liable to contribute thereto, the same rules and regulations shall be observed as are now established by the laws of this commonwealth, or may be hereafter enacted, relative to the assessment and apportionment of town taxes.

SECT. 37. The said city council shall also have power to provide for the assessment and collection of such taxes, and to make appropriations of all public moneys, and provide for the disbursement thereof, and take suitable measures to insure a just and prompt account thereof; and, for these purposes, may either elect such assessors and assistant assessors as may be needful, or provide for the appointment or election of the same, or any of them, by the mayor and aldermen, or by the citizens, as in their judgment may be most conducive to the public good; and may also require of all persons intrusted with the collection, custody, or disbursement of public moneys, such bonds, with such conditions and such sureties, as the case may in their judgment require.

SECT. 38. The city council may provide for the appointment, or election of all necessary officers, for the good government of said city, not otherwise provided for, and may prescribe their duties, and

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1872, c. 15, a majority of all the members of the common council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

<sup>2</sup> If no time is limited, and there is nothing to show that it was not intended to take effect immediately, an ordinance takes effect from its passage. 109 Mass. 355.

fix their compensation, and may choose a register of deeds whenever the city shall be one county.

Register of deeds.

SECT. 39. The city council shall have the care and superintendence of the public buildings, and the care, custody, and management of all the property of the city, with power to lease or sell the same, except the Common and Faneuil Hall. And the said city council shall have power to purchase property, real or personal, in the name and for the use of the city, whenever its interests or convenience may in their judgment require it.

Care and custody of city property.  
R.U. c. 32.

Power to purchase property.

SECT. 40. All the power and authority now by law vested in the city council, or in the board of mayor and aldermen, relative to the public health, and the quarantine of vessels, shall continue to be vested in the city council, to be carried into execution by the appointment of one or more health commissioners; or in such other manner as the health, cleanliness, comfort, and order of the city may, in their judgment, require, subject to such alterations as the legislature may from time to time adopt. The powers and duties above named may be exercised and carried into effect by the city council in any manner which they may prescribe, or through the agency of any persons to whom they may delegate the same, notwithstanding a personal exercise of the same, collectively or individually, is prescribed by previous legislation; and the city council may constitute either branch, or any committee of their number, whether joint or separate, the board of health for all or for particular purposes.

Board of health.  
P.S. 80.  
12 Pick. 184.  
98 Mass. 431.  
116 Mass. 284.  
R.O. c. 22.

SECT. 41. The board of aldermen shall be surveyors of highways for said city.

Surveyors of highways.  
135 Mass. 197.

[SECT. 42.<sup>1</sup> The city council shall, in the month of May, meet together in convention, and elect a suitable person to be the treasurer of said city, who shall also be county treasurer, and who shall hold his office until his successor is chosen and qualified in his stead.]

City treasurer.  
1875, 176.  
P.S. 23, § 3.

SECT. 43.<sup>2</sup> No person shall be eligible to any office, the salary of which is payable out of the city treasury, who, at the time of his appointment, shall be a member of either the board of aldermen or the common council; and neither the mayor, nor any alderman, or member of the common council, shall, at the same time, hold any office of emolument under the city government.

Members of city council ineligible to other offices.  
1884, 116.

[SECT. 44.<sup>3</sup> In the month of October in each year the city government shall meet in convention, and determine the number of representatives which it may be expedient for the corporation to send to the general court in the ensuing year, within its constitutional limits, and to publish such determination, which shall be conclusive; and the number thus determined shall be specified in the warrant calling a meeting for the election of representatives.]

Representatives to general court.

SECT. 45. The mayor of the city, chosen and qualified as hereinbefore provided, shall be taken and deemed to be the chief executive officer of said corporation; and he shall be compensated for his services by a salary, to be fixed by the board of aldermen and common council in convention assembled, payable at stated periods, which salary shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars annually; and he shall receive no other compensation or emoluments whatever; and no regulations enlarging or diminishing such compensation shall be made, to take effect until the expiration of the year

Compensation of the mayor.  
98 Mass., 39.  
108 Mass. 208.  
112 Mass. 612.

<sup>1</sup> St. 1875, c. 176, provides that the treasurer shall be elected annually in the month of May or June by concurrent vote of both branches of the city council. It also provides (§ 2) for the election of a collector, and defines his powers.

<sup>2</sup> "In the county of Suffolk the treasurer of the city of Boston shall be the county treasurer." P.S. 23, § 3.

<sup>3</sup> St. 1884, c. 115, provides that no member of the city council shall be eligible to any such office during the term for which he was chosen.

<sup>4</sup> See amendments of constitution, Art. XXI.

<sup>5</sup> Salary fixed at \$5,000 in convention, Nov. 21, 1884.

for which the mayor then in office shall have been elected; and said salary, when fixed, shall continue until changed by the city council, as aforesaid.

His powers  
and duties.  
5 Gray 121.  
98 Mass. 39.

SECT. 46. It shall be the duty of the mayor to be vigilant and active, at all times, in causing the laws for the government of said city to be duly executed and put in force; to inspect the conduct of all subordinate officers in the government thereof, and, as far as may be in his power, to cause all negligence, carelessness, and positive violation of duty to be duly prosecuted and punished. He shall have power, whenever in his judgment the good of said city may require it, to summon meetings of the board of aldermen and common council, or either of them, although the meeting of said boards may stand adjourned to a more distant day, and shall cause suitable notice in writing, of such meetings, to be given to the respective members of said boards. And he shall, from time to time, communicate to both branches of the city council all such information, and recommend all such measures, as may tend to the improvement of the finances, the police, health, security, cleanliness, comfort, and ornament of the said city.

Veto power  
of the mayor.

SECT. 47. Every ordinance, order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the board of aldermen and of the common council may be necessary (except on a question of convention of the two branches), and every order of either branch involving the expenditure of money, shall be presented to the mayor; if he approve thereof, he shall signify his approbation by signing the same; but, if not, he shall return the same, with his objections, to the branch in which it originated, who shall enter the objections of the mayor at large on their records, and proceed to reconsider said ordinance, order, resolution, or vote; and if, after such reconsideration, two-thirds<sup>1</sup> of the board of aldermen or common council, notwithstanding such objections, agree to pass the same, it shall, together with the objections, be sent to the other branch of the city council (if it originally required concurrent action), where it shall also be reconsidered, and, if approved by two-thirds of the members present, it shall be in force; but in all cases the vote shall be determined by yeas and nays, and if such ordinance, order, resolution, or vote, shall not be returned by the mayor within ten days after it shall have been presented the same shall be in force. But the veto power of the mayor shall not extend to the election of officers required by any law or ordinance to be chosen by the city council in convention or by concurrent action, unless expressly so provided therein.

Same subject.  
1882, 164.

SECT. 48.<sup>2</sup> In all cases where anything is or may be required or authorized by any law or ordinance to be done by the mayor and aldermen, the board of aldermen shall first act thereon; and any order, resolution, or vote, of said board shall be presented to the mayor for his approval, and the same proceedings shall be had as are provided in the preceding section.

Mayor to  
appoint officers  
by consent of  
aldermen.  
Power of  
removal.  
1882, 164.  
Vacancy in  
the office of  
mayor.

SECT. 49. In all cases wherein appointments to office are directed to be made by the mayor and aldermen, they shall be made by the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the aldermen; and such officers may be removed by the mayor.

SECT. 50. In the case of the decease, inability, absence, or resignation of the mayor, and whenever there is a vacancy in the office from any cause, and the same being declared, and a vote passed by the aldermen and common council respectively, declaring such cause and the expediency of electing a mayor for the time being to supply

<sup>1</sup> By P. S. c. 28, § 6, the affirmative action of two-thirds of the members in each branch present and voting is required to overcome the mayor's veto.

<sup>2</sup> See section thirty-three, *ante*, p. 6, note 3.

the vacancy thus occasioned, the board of aldermen shall issue their warrants in due form, for the election of a mayor, and the same proceedings shall be had as are hereinbefore provided for the choice of a mayor.

SECT. 51. All boards and officers acting under the authority of the said corporation, and intrusted with the expenditure of public money, shall be accountable therefor to the city council, in such manner as they may direct; and it shall be the duty of the city council to publish and distribute annually for the information of the citizens, a particular statement of the receipts and expenditures of all public moneys, and a particular statement of all city property.

Accountability of all boards and officers for public money. Annual financial statement. R.O. c. 14.

[SECT. 52.<sup>1</sup> The qualified voters of each ward shall, at the annual meeting, be called upon to give in their votes for one able and discreet person, being an inhabitant of the ward, to be an overseer of the poor; and thereupon the same proceedings shall be had as are before directed in the election of members of the common council. And the persons thus chosen shall, together, constitute the board of overseers for said city, and shall continue to have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, now by law appertaining to the overseers of the poor of the city of Boston, until the same shall be altered or qualified by the legislature.]

Election of overseers of the poor. 1864, 128.

Their powers and duties.

[SECT. 53.<sup>2</sup> The school committee shall consist of the mayor of the city, the president of the common council, and the persons hereinafter mentioned. A majority of the persons duly elected shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and at all meetings of the board, the mayor, if present, shall preside.]

The school committee. 1875, 241.

[SECT. 54.<sup>3</sup> At the annual election next after the passage of this act the qualified voters of each ward shall be called upon to give in their ballots for six inhabitants of the ward to be members of the school committee; and the two persons who receive the highest number of votes, or, in case more than two receive an equal number of votes, the two persons who are senior by age shall hold their office for three years from the second Monday in January next ensuing; and the next two persons who receive the highest number of votes, or who are senior by age in the contingency aforesaid, shall hold their office for two years from said date; and the two other persons shall hold their office for one year from said date; and at every subsequent annual election two persons shall be chosen in each ward to be members of the school committee for the term of three years.]

Same subject.

[SECT. 55.<sup>4</sup> The persons so chosen as members of the school committee shall meet and organize on the second Monday in January, at such hour as the mayor may appoint. They may choose a secretary, and such subordinate officers as they may deem expedient, and shall define their duties, and fix their respective salaries.]

Organization of school committee. 1875, 241. Secretary and subordinate officers. Powers and duties of school committee. 1875, 241.

SECT. 56.<sup>5</sup> The said committee shall have the care and management of the public schools, and may elect all such instructors as they may deem proper, and remove the same whenever they consider it expedient. And generally they shall have all the powers in relation to the care and management of the public schools, which the selectmen of towns or school committees are authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth to exercise.

SECT. 57.<sup>6</sup> Every male citizen of twenty-one years of age and

Qualifications of voters at

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1864, c. 128, overseers of the poor, twelve in number, are to be elected by the city council by concurrent vote, four being chosen each year.

<sup>2</sup> By St. 1875, c. 241, the school committee is made to consist of twenty-four members, eight being elected each year by the qualified voters of the city.

<sup>3</sup> See St. 1875, c. 241, reorganizing the school committee.

<sup>4</sup> By the twentieth amendment of the constitution of the State (adopted May 1, 1857), no person shall have the right to vote "who shall not be able to read the constitution in the English language, and write his name: *provided, however*, that the provisions of this amendment shall not

municipal  
elections,  
etc.

upwards, excepting paupers and persons under guardianship, who shall have resided within the commonwealth one year, and within the city six months next preceding any meeting of citizens, either in wards or in general meeting, for municipal purposes, and who shall have paid by himself, or his parent, master or guardian, any state or county tax, which, within two years next preceding such meeting, shall have been assessed upon him, in any town or district in this commonwealth, and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from taxation, and who shall be, in all other respects, qualified as above mentioned, shall have a right to vote at such meeting, and no other person shall be entitled to vote at such meeting.

Board of alder-  
men to make  
lists of voters  
prior to every  
election.  
1874, 60.

[SECT. 58.<sup>1</sup> It shall be the duty of the board of aldermen, prior to every election of city officers, or of any officer or officers under the government of the United States or of this commonwealth, to make out lists of all the citizens of each ward qualified to vote in such election, in the manner in which selectmen and assessors of towns are required to make out similar lists of voters, and for that purpose they shall have free access to the assessors' books and lists, and shall be entitled to the aid and assistance of all assessors, assistant assessors, and other officers of said city. And it shall be the duty of said board of aldermen to deliver such list of the voters in each ward, so prepared and corrected, to the clerk of said ward, to be used by the warden and inspectors thereof, at such election; and no person shall be entitled to vote at such election whose name is not borne on such list. And to prevent all frauds and mistakes in such elections, it shall be the duty of the inspectors in each ward to take care that no person shall vote at such election whose name is not so borne on the list of voters, and to cause a mark to be placed against the name of each voter on such list, at the time of giving in his vote. And the city council shall have authority to establish such rules and regulations, as to making out, publishing, and using such lists of qualified voters, as they shall deem proper, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the commonwealth.]

Inspectors  
to allow no one  
to vote whose  
name is not on  
the list.

Elections of  
national and  
state officers.  
1878, 243.  
1884, 250, 299.

[SECT. 59.<sup>2</sup> All elections for governor, lieutenant-governor, senators, representatives, representatives to congress, and all other officers, who are to be chosen and voted for by the people, shall be held at meetings of the citizens qualified to vote in such elections, in their respective wards, at the time fixed by law for those elections respectively. And at such meetings, all the votes given in being collected, sorted, counted and declared, by the inspectors of elections in each ward, it shall be the duty of the clerk of such ward to make a true record of the same, specifying therein the whole number of ballots given in, the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes for each, expressed in words at length. And a transcript of such record, certified by the warden, clerk, and a majority of the inspectors of elections in such ward, shall forthwith be transmitted or delivered by each ward clerk to the clerk of the city. And it shall be the duty of the city clerk forthwith to enter such returns, or a plain and intelligible abstract of them, as they are successively received, in the journals of the proceedings of the board of aldermen, or in some other book kept for that purpose. And it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen to meet together within two days after every such election and examine and compare all the said returns, and there-

Examination  
and return of  
votes.

apply to any person prevented by a physical disability from complying with its requisitions, nor to any person who now has the right to vote, nor to any persons who shall be sixty years of age or upwards at the time this amendment shall take effect."

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1874, c. 60, the duty of preparing the lists of voters was transferred to a board of registrars of voters.

<sup>2</sup> The manner of conducting elections and returning votes is now governed by the provisions of Sts. 1878, c. 243; 1884, c. 250, 299.

upon to make out a certificate of the result of such election, to be signed by a majority of the aldermen, and also by the city clerk, which shall be transmitted, delivered or returned, in the same manner as similar returns are by law directed to be made by the selectmen of towns; and such certificates and returns shall have the same force and effect, in all respects, as like returns of similar elections made by the selectmen of towns. At the election of governor, lieutenant-governor, and senators it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen to make and seal up separate lists of persons voted for as governor, lieutenant-governor, and senators of the commonwealth, with the number of votes for each person, written in words at length against his name, and to transmit said lists to the secretary of the commonwealth, or to the sheriff of the county. The board of aldermen shall, within three days next after the day of any election of electors of president and vice-president of the United States, held by virtue of the laws of this commonwealth, or of the United States, deliver or cause to be delivered, the lists of votes therefor, sealed up, to the sheriff of the county, and the said sheriff shall, within four days after receiving said lists, transmit the same to the office of the secretary of the commonwealth; or the said aldermen may, and when the office of sheriff is vacant, they shall themselves, transmit the said lists to the said office within seven days after the election; and all votes not so transmitted shall be rejected. In all elections for representatives to the general court, in case the whole number proposed to be elected shall not be chosen according to law, by the votes legally returned, the board of aldermen shall forthwith issue their warrants for a new election, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, and the same proceedings shall be had, in all respects, as are hereinbefore directed; and in case of no choice being made of representatives to congress, in either district, of which the city of Boston composes a part, or in case of any vacancy happening in said districts, or either of them, the governor shall cause precepts for new elections to be directed to the board of aldermen of said city, as often as occasion shall require; and such new elections shall be held, and all proceeding thereon had, and returns made, in conformity with the foregoing provisions.]

Certificate.

Separate lists of votes for governor, &c., to be transmitted to the secretary, or to sheriffs.

Votes for electors of president, &c., how and when to be transmitted to the secretary.

Proceedings in case representatives are not chosen.

Proceedings in case of no election of representatives to congress.

[SECT. 60.<sup>1</sup> General meetings of the citizens qualified to vote in city affairs may from time to time be held, to consult upon the common good, to give instructions to their representatives, and to take all lawful measures to obtain a redress of any grievances, according to the right secured to the people by the constitution of this commonwealth. And such meetings shall and may be duly warned by the board of aldermen, upon the requisition of fifty qualified voters of said city. The mayor, if present, shall preside, and the city clerk shall act as the clerk of such meetings.]

General meetings of the citizens.  
1892, 204.

SECT. 61. All warrants for the meetings of the citizens for municipal purposes, to be had either in general meetings or in wards, shall be issued by the board of aldermen, and in such form, and shall be served, executed, and returned, at such time and in such manner, as the city council may by any by-law or ordinance direct and appoint.

Warrants for meetings to be issued by the board of aldermen.  
R.O. c. 2.

SECT. 62. Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to restrain or prevent the legislature from amending or altering the same whenever they shall deem it expedient.

Power of the legislature to alter the charter.

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1892, c. 204, general meetings may be warned by the board of aldermen upon the requisition of twenty-five qualified voters of each ward. If the board of aldermen refuses or neglects to call any such meeting, any justice of the municipal court of said city may, upon a like requisition call such meeting at such time and in such manner as he may direct, and shall appoint some one to preside therein until the same shall be duly organized by choice of clerk and chairman.

<sup>2</sup> Precincts, St. 1878, c. 243.



Repeal of first  
charter.  
Proviso.

SECT. 63. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed: *provided, however*, that the repeal of the said acts shall not affect any act done, or any right accruing or accrued, or established, or any suit or proceeding had or commenced in any civil case before the time when such repeal shall take effect. And that no offence committed, and no penalty or forfeiture incurred, under the acts hereby repealed, and before the time when such repeal shall take effect, shall be affected by the repeal. And that no suit or prosecution pending at the time of the said repeal for any offence committed, or for the recovery of any penalty or forfeiture incurred under the acts hereby repealed, shall be affected by such repeal; and *provided, also*, that all persons who, at the same time when the said repeal shall take effect, shall hold any office under the said acts, shall continue to hold the same according to the tenure thereof; and *provided, also*, that all the by-laws and ordinances of the city of Boston, which shall be in force at the time when the said repeal shall take effect, shall continue in force until the same are repealed by the city council, and all officers elected under such by-laws and ordinances, shall continue in office according to the tenure thereof.

Repeal not to  
revive other  
acts.

Act to be sub-  
mitted to the  
citizens.  
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SECT. 64. No act which has been heretofore repealed shall be revived by the repeal of the acts mentioned in the preceding section.

SECT. 65. This act shall be void unless the inhabitants of the city of Boston, at a legal meeting called for that purpose, by a written vote determine to adopt the same; and the qualified voters of the city shall be called upon to give in their votes upon the acceptance of this act, at meetings in the various wards, duly warned by the mayor and aldermen to be held on or before the second Monday in November; and thereupon, the same proceedings shall be had respecting the sorting, counting, declaring, recording and returns of said votes, as is herein provided at the election of mayor; and the board of mayor and aldermen shall, within three days, meet together and compare the returns of the ward officers; and if it appear that the citizens have voted to adopt this act, the mayor shall make proclamation of the fact, and thereupon the act shall take effect for the purpose of electing municipal officers at the next annual election, and for all other purposes it shall take effect on and after the first Monday of January next.

April 29, 1854.

## 1855. — CHAPTER 73.

### AN ACT TO EXTEND ALBANY STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May construct  
bridge.

Proviso.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a bridge over Roxbury creek, in continuation of Albany street, upon such line as shall be agreed upon between the mayor and aldermen of Boston and the mayor and aldermen of Roxbury: *provided*, that such bridge shall be furnished with a draw of such dimensions, and built in such manner, as shall be approved by

a commissioner to be appointed by the governor; the fee of such commissioner to be paid by the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

March 19, 1855.

[1856, 107; 1859, 21.]

## 1855.— CHAPTER 86.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY OUT A HIGHWAY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The proper authorities of the city of Boston are hereby empowered to lay out and construct a highway in continuation of Charles street, commencing at Cambridge street, thence over the land in front of the new jail, thence over the tide-waters in Charles river, and thence to North Charles street, and over and along said street to the street leading to Craigie's bridge, so called; and the said authorities may lay out the said proposed street the whole distance at one time, or portions thereof at different times, as they may deem it most expedient: *provided*, that the said street shall not be laid out below the commissioners' line as established by law.

Continuation of  
Charles street.  
Boundaries.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

March 26, 1855.

## 1855.— CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM TITLES TO LANDS IN FOREST HILLS CEMETERY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. All conveyances of lands in Forest Hills cemetery heretofore made by the city of Roxbury, in which an impression of the established seal of said city has been made upon the paper on which such conveyances were written, shall be taken and held to be valid in law, to pass the title to the lands described in the same, and to bind said city by the covenants therein contained, to the same extent it would have been bound had said seal been impressed on wax or wafer attached to such conveyances.

Conveyances of  
lands in Forest  
Hills cemetery  
confirmed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 14, 1855.

## 1855.— CHAPTER 335.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE EAST BOSTON FREE BRIDGE.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted etc.:*

SECTION 1. Henry D. Gardner, Morrell Cole, Watson G. Mayo, Noah Sturtevant, George W. Gerrish, Henry Jones, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the East Boston Free Bridge.

Corporators.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to build a bridge across Chelsea creek from a point beginning on the north line of Condor street, at a point where the westerly line of Meridian street, if produced, would strike the north line of Condor street, then running easterly on the last mentioned line forty feet, then turning and running northerly (at a right angle with said Condor street), straight to the commissioners' line on Chelsea creek, so called; com-

May construct  
bridge.  
Boundaries.

<sup>1</sup> Now called Meridian-street bridge. See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), p. 74.

men- cing again at the point of beginning, and running northerly towards the channel parallel with, and forty feet distant from, the last mentioned line, and at right angles with said Condor street, extending from Condor street to the commissioners' line, thence across the channel of Chelsea creek to the commissioners' line on the Chelsea side, thence to Pearl street in said Chelsea, as it now is. Which bridge shall be well built of good materials, not less than forty feet wide, with sufficient railings for the protection of passengers, with a pivot or turn-table draw made upon E. G. Brown's plan, with two openings, each not less than sixty feet wide; which draw shall, at all times, on demand, be opened for the passage of vessels that cannot pass under said bridge. And in case any such vessel, about to pass said bridge, shall be detained more than thirty minutes, the corporation shall forfeit and pay to the owner or owners of such vessel, a sum not less than two nor more than ten dollars, to be recovered by action of contract in any court proper to try the same, and no toll shall be demanded of any person or persons who shall pass over said bridge. Said corporation shall not build said bridge until a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the treasurer of this commonwealth, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, shall be filed in the office of said treasurer, conditioned to pay all penalties and forfeitures that may be incurred, within the meaning and intent of this act. Said corporation shall be liable for all damages to travellers over said bridge, happening through any defect of the same, in the same way and manner as the towns are liable for defects in public highways and bridges, and the condition of the bond, herein before mentioned, shall also provide for the payment of all damages which may be so sustained.

**Forty feet wide, with draw.**

**Forfeited for detention of vessels.**

**Toll free.**

**Bond to commonwealth.**

**Corporation liable for damages.**

**Corporation to hold charter for benefit of Boston and Chelsea.**

**Act void, unless, etc.**

SECT. 3. The said corporation are to receive, hold, and conduct, said charter or act of incorporation, for the benefit of the city of Boston and the town of Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk, subject, however, to the free use of said bridge to the public, and with right to transfer said charter.

SECT. 4. If said bridge is not built within five years after the passing of this act to build said bridge, then the said act shall be void.

May 15, 1853

[1856, 109.]

## 1855. — CHAPTER 406.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD A BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

New bridge  
across Fore  
Point channel  
(Federal street  
bridge).

The city of Boston is hereby authorized to widen and repair the bridge crossing Fore Point channel, at Sea street, or may construct a new bridge near thereto, and for that purpose may drive piles in said channel necessary therefor, and also for draw-piers and other uses which the city may deem expedient and proper for the public welfare and its own convenience; and said bridge, so constructed, shall be provided with good and suitable draws, which said city shall open and close at all times, for the accommodation of vessels having occasion to pass the same.

May 19, 1855.

[1825, 147; 1830, 121; 1831, 46; 1869, 194.]

## 1856. — CHAPTER 107.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO EXTEND ALBANY STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to extend Albany street to, and connect the same with, any bridge that may be constructed in pursuance of "an act to extend Albany street, in the city of Boston," passed on the nineteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and also to take, fill up, and grade, such land (whether covered by water or otherwise), as may be necessary for that purpose: *provided*, that such extension of said street shall not affect any rights of the commonwealth in the land over which said street may be extended, nor the rights of any corporation now existing, nor the rights of any private individual. Extension of Albany street.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

*April 14, 1856.*

[1855, 73; 1859, 21.]

## 1856. — CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE EAST BOSTON FREE BRIDGE."<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to purchase the bridge which the East Boston Free Bridge Corporation were authorized to build, by the act to which this is an addition, and also any other property of said corporation, to hold and maintain the same for the purposes named in said act. City authorized to purchase bridge.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to construct such guards or piers as the safety of said bridge may require.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

*April 14, 1856.*

[1855, 335.]

## 1856. — CHAPTER 124.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO A BURYING-GROUND IN THE TOWN OF WEST ROXBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. That the selectmen of the town of West Roxbury be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to prescribe the limits, and to define what shall be the boundaries, within which the dead shall be interred on the land owned by the Reverend Patrick O'Beirne, upon which land said O'Beirne was authorized to establish a burying-ground, by the city of Roxbury, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine; and the said selectmen, after establishing said limits, are authorized to appoint undertakers for said burying-ground; and the said burying-ground shall be under the same laws, regulations, restrictions, and limitations, as apply to other burying-grounds in the commonwealth. Selectmen to define limits of burying ground and appoint undertakers.

SECT. 2. The county commissioners for the county of Norfolk, or the selectmen of the town of West Roxbury, are hereby authorized Authorized to lay out highway

<sup>1</sup> Now called Meridian-street bridge.

Appeal.

and empowered to lay out a highway across the land above described, of the said O'Beirne, agreeably to the plan of said highway, described in a plan drawn by William A. Garbett, under date of May twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, if they shall judge public convenience requires said highway, upon awarding to said O'Beirne such damages as they who lay out said highway may adjudge to be reasonable, the award to be subject to the same appeal as is authorized in other awards for land damages.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

April 19, 1856.

## 1856. — CHAPTER 301.

### AN ACT TO PROTECT BOSTON HARBOR.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Penalty for carrying away stones, gravel, or sand.

SECTION 1. Any person who shall take, carry away, or remove, by land or water, any stones, gravel, or sand, from any of the beaches, head-lands, or islands, within or bordering upon Boston harbor, without a license therefor from the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, shall, for each offence, forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered by complaint or indictment in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Limits of harbor for purposes of this act.

SECT. 2. Boston harbor, for the purposes of this act, shall be deemed to extend to a line drawn from the outer end of Commercial point, in the town of Dorchester, direct to the outer end of Point Alderton, in the town of Hull: thence to the outer end of the outer Brewster island, and thence direct to the short beach, at the division line between the towns of North Chelsea and Winthrop.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

June 6, 1856.

## 1857. — CHAPTER 11.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Limit of appropriations repealed.

SECTION 1. So much of the act of March twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, as limits to ten thousand dollars the appropriations authorized to be made annually by the city of Boston to maintain a public library, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

March 4, 1857.

[1853, 38.]

## 1857. — CHAPTER 35.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Election of directors of public institutions.

SECTION 1. There shall be elected by the city council of the city of Boston, by concurrent vote, twelve suitable persons, resident citizens of the said city, who shall constitute a board of directors for the houses of industry and reformation, and the lunatic hospital

within said city, and the house of correction for the county of Suffolk. The said board shall be styled, "The Board of Directors for Public Institutions," and shall have all the authority and powers, and be subject to all the duties, now conferred and imposed by virtue of existing statutes, respectively, upon the directors of said houses of industry and reformation, and the overseers of said house of correction, together with such other powers and duties in connection with said lunatic hospital, and the management of the business thereof, as the said city council may, by ordinance, and in conformity to the statutes of the commonwealth, provide. A majority of said board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and upon the election of the first board, as provided in the fourth section of this act, said city council shall be discharged from all obligations of statutes now existing, requiring the election or appointment of directors or overseers for either of said institutions.

Powers and duties.

1822, 66.  
1825, 182.  
1826, 111.  
1841, 22.  
It.O. c. 33, § 2.

City council discharged from obligations.

SECT. 2. The said board of directors shall also have the same powers as to the discharge of insane persons from confinement, as are now vested in the mayor and board of aldermen of said city.

Powers as to insane.

SECT. 3. The said city council shall have power to pass such ordinances, not inconsistent herewith, or repugnant to other laws of this commonwealth, as to the duties and authority of said board of directors, and providing for their reasonable compensation, as it may, from time to time, deem expedient and necessary.

City council may pass ordinances.

R.O. c. 33.

SECT. 4. Said city council shall proceed, after the acceptance of this act, to elect by ballot nine citizens at large, three of whom shall be elected and hold their office for three years, three for two years, and three for one year; and these persons, together with one member from the board of aldermen, and two members from the common council of said city, to be elected for one year by the said city council, shall constitute the first board of directors under this act; and thereafter, annually, the said city council shall elect, in the manner aforesaid, three citizens of said city, at large, who shall hold their office in said board of directors for three years, and one member of the board of aldermen, and two members of the common council of said city, who shall hold their office in said board of directors for one year. Each of the said directors so elected under this act shall, in addition to his said term, hold his office until another is elected in his stead; and the said city council shall have power to remove members from said board of directors for cause shown, and to fill all vacancies which may occur in the same.

Election of first board of directors.

Subsequent elections.

Power to remove members and fill vacancies.

SECT. 5. This act shall not go into effect unless accepted by said city council within six months from its passage, and shall take effect directly upon and after such acceptance.<sup>1</sup>

When to take effect.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Mar h 28, 1857.

[1822, 56; 1824, 28; 1825, 182; 1826, 111; 1839, 131; 1840, 79; 1843, 22; 1847, 208; 1851, 243; 1857, 281; 1858, 112; P.S. 220; P.S. 222, §§ 16, 20.]

## 1857. — CHAPTER 135.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE JAMAICA POND AQUEDUCT CORPORATION.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. George H. Williams, Arthur W. Austin, and Thomas B. Williams, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name and title of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Cor-

Corporators

Name.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted by city council May 30, 1857.

Cert. in acts confirmed.

poration; and the provisional agreement made by the city of Boston with the said George H. Williams by which the said city have agreed to convey their interest in all the property, estates, and privileges, except that of supplying or distributing water within the limits of the city of Boston, of the aqueduct corporation which was incorporated by act passed the twenty-seventh day of February, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby authorized, sanctioned, and confirmed; and the sale by said city of Boston to said George H. Williams, of all the property, estates, and privileges, which the said city of Boston was authorized to purchase of the aqueduct corporation, by the sixteenth section of the act passed March thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, is hereby authorized.

May bring water from Jamaica pond.

SECT. 2. The said Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation are hereby authorized and empowered to bring the water from Jamaica pond, from the same source and point from which the aqueduct corporation incorporated in the said year seventeen hundred and ninety-five brought the said water; and shall have full power and lawful authority, by subterraneous pipes, to bring water from said Jamaica pond, and supply the same to the city of Roxbury, to the town of Brookline, and to the town of West Roxbury; and for this purpose the said Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation shall have, use and enjoy the same rights, privileges, and easements, for supplying pure water to the towns and city aforesaid, as were had, used, and enjoyed, by the aqueduct corporation for the dispensing water to the city of Boston; and to enable the said corporation to supply the said city of Roxbury and the towns aforesaid, the said corporation are hereby fully authorized and empowered to open the ground in any part of the streets and highways in the city of Roxbury, and town of West Roxbury, and town of Brookline, for the purpose of sinking and repairing such pipes and conductors as it may be necessary to sink for the purpose aforesaid: *provided*, that the said highways and streets shall not be opened or used by the said corporation in such manner as to obstruct or hinder the citizens of the commonwealth; and the said corporation, after opening the ground in any of the said streets or highways, shall be held to put the same again in repair to the satisfaction of the authorities of the said city and towns respectively: *provided, also*, that in excavating for the purposes of laying the pipes or repairing the same, the work shall be done agreeably to the direction of the board of mayor and aldermen of the city of Roxbury, and in the towns of West Roxbury and Brookline, under the direction of the selectmen of those towns respectively: *and it is further provided*, that the city of Roxbury shall be allowed the privilege of inserting ten hydrants into the main pipes of the aqueduct at such points as may be indicated by the city authorities of Roxbury, with the right of using the water in cases of fire, but for no other purpose whatever, without the special permission of the directors of the corporation.

Rights, privileges.

May open ground, lay pipes, etc.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Proviso.

May enter upon and lay down pipes.

SECT. 3. The said corporation be, and they are, hereby authorized and empowered, for the purpose of extending their supply of fresh water, to enter upon and improve for the laying down subterraneous pipes, the corporate or private estate of any person, town, or corporation whatsoever, within the boundaries of the city of Roxbury, town of West Roxbury, or town of Brookline; and the said corporation are hereby empowered to take, hold, purchase, or improve, for the purpose of laying down subterraneous pipes, any land not exceeding ten feet in width in the territory of the said city and towns aforesaid, and shall at all times have free ingress and egress into and from the same in order to lay down, inspect, renew, and repair, the said pipes; and the said corporation shall be held to pay all damages which shall

Damages, how settled.

accrue to any party by the taking, holding, or improving, the land aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid; and where the damages cannot be adjusted satisfactorily by the parties, the damages may be estimated by the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk, saving to either party the right of trial by jury, according to the law which provides for the recovery of damages accruing by laying out public highways. All claims for damages shall be preferred by the party entitled to demand the same, within twelve months from the time when the ground shall have been taken or first entered upon in manner as herein before mentioned; and the said corporation, after having opened any of the ground aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid, shall be held to put the same again in proper condition. Said corporation shall be liable for any loss or injury that any person or persons may sustain by reason of any carelessness, neglect, or misconduct, of said corporation, or of any of its agents or servants; and in case any recovery shall be had against either of said towns, or against said city of Roxbury, in consequence of such carelessness, neglect, or misconduct, or in consequence of any act of said corporation, or of its servants or agents, said corporation shall be liable to pay to said towns and said city of Roxbury, respectively, any sums thus recovered against them, together with all costs and reasonable expenditures incurred by said towns and said city of Roxbury, or either of them, in defence of such suit or suits in which such recovery may be had; but nothing herein contained shall be construed as creating any obligation or liability on the part of said towns or said city of Roxbury, beyond that which now exists by law.

Corporation  
liable, etc.

SECT. 4. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and no shares shall be issued for a less sum, to be actually paid in on each, than the par value of the shares which shall first be issued; and said corporation may establish the capital stock at fifty thousand dollars, with power, by vote of two-thirds of the stockholders in interest, to increase the same to one hundred thousand dollars; and said corporation shall have power to purchase and hold such real estate, within said city of Roxbury and towns aforesaid, as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes and management of said aqueduct corporation.

Capital stock  
not to exceed  
\$100,000.  
Shares \$100  
each.  
No shares is-  
sued under par.

SECT. 5. And the said Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation are hereby authorized and empowered to draw the water from the said pond, from the same point established and limited by the easement, privileges, and rights, acquired by the aqueduct corporation, chartered in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-five, and no farther, without the consent of the inhabitants of the town of West Roxbury, in town meeting assembled; and all the rights, interests, and estate, of the town of West Roxbury, in said pond, are hereby reserved, as to cutting ice, or any other general use or appropriation thereof, which does not impair the rights and privileges and easements of the said Jamaica Pond Corporation, as aforesaid; and the said aqueduct corporation shall, whenever requested by the selectmen of West Roxbury, so draw off the water, that the banks of said pond shall not be washed away or otherwise injured.

Rights, privi-  
leges, etc., of  
corporation.

Rights, etc., of  
West Roxbury.

SECT. 6. The said Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation shall have no right, after the passage of this act, to supply any water from Jamaica pond to the city of Boston, or to the inhabitants thereof, unless especially authorized and requested by the city authorities of Boston; and the right of supplying water shall be limited to the city of Roxbury and to the towns aforesaid; but if any change in the municipal jurisdiction, over a whole or a part of the territory now known as the city of Roxbury, should take place, nothing in this act

Rights limited  
to furnish water,  
etc.



shall be so construed as to take away the right to supply the whole or any portion of such territory.

Right of parties  
entitled to dam-  
ages.

SECT. 7. When any claim for damages shall be preferred by any party for laying down, renewing, or repairing, the pipes of said corporation, as provided for in the third section, said damages shall be paid within three months after the same shall be fixed and determined; and if not so paid, the party entitled to such damages shall have the right to take up and remove said pipes on his premises; and they shall not be relaid until said damages are paid.

May 8, 1857.

## 1857. — CHAPTER 169.

### AN ACT TO CONFIRM AN INDENTURE CONCERNING THE BACK BAY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Indenture be-  
tween the com-  
monwealth, the  
Boston Water-  
Power Co., and  
the city of Bos-  
ton, confirmed.

The indenture of three parts made and executed on the eleventh day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, by and between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by its committee appointed under and in pursuance of the "resolves in relation to lands in the Back Bay," approved May thirtieth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, of the first part; the Boston Water-Power Company, of the second part; and the city of Boston, of the third part, is hereby confirmed and established: *provided*, this act shall not prejudice the legal rights of the city of Roxbury, or of the town of West Roxbury.

Back Bay  
Agreements,  
p. 63.

May 18, 1857.

## 1857. — CHAPTER 281.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOSTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Patients may be  
admitted who  
are not paupers.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, by and through the agency of the board of visitors of the Boston lunatic hospital, or by and through any other agency which shall be established therefor by the city council of the city of Boston, may admit into said hospital, as patients, insane persons who are not paupers, upon such terms and conditions, and for such compensation as may, from time to time, be fixed by said city council, or by the authority thereof.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

May 30, 1857.

[1839, 131; 1840, 79; 1851, 243; 1857, 35.]

## 1857. — CHAPTER 302.

### AN ACT CONCERNING INSANE PERSONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May be com-  
mitted to the  
Boston lunatic  
hospital.

SECTION 1. The municipal court of the city of Boston, and all other courts and magistrates having authority to commit insane persons to the state lunatic hospital, may commit all insane persons found in the city of Boston, whether they are furiously mad or otherwise, who have their legal settlement in the city of Boston, or in any other city or town within this commonwealth, to the Boston lunatic hospital, in all cases in which said courts and magistrates are authorized by law, to commit such persons to the state lunatic hospital.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

May 30, 1857.

[1839, 131; 1840, 79; 1851, 243.]

1858. — CHAPTER 112.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF PRISONERS IN THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

The board of directors for public institutions of the city of Boston, comprising the house of correction, house of industry, house of reformation, and lunatic hospital, is hereby authorized, at its discretion, to transfer from any one of the said institutions, to any other of said institutions, any prisoner sentenced to either of the same: *provided*, the assent of the court or magistrate, that committed said prisoner, shall first be obtained to such removal.

Directors authorized to transfer prisoners from one institution to another.

*Provided.*

March 27, 1858.

[1857, 35.]

1858. — CHAPTER 113.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ESTABLISH A CITY HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to erect, establish, and maintain, a hospital for the reception of persons who, by misfortune or poverty, may require relief during temporary sickness.

Authorized to establish hospital.

SECT. 2. The city council of said city shall have power to make such ordinances, rules, and regulations, as they may deem expedient, for the appointment of trustees, and all other necessary officers, agents, and servants, for managing the said hospital.

Appointment of officers.  
R.O. c. 34.  
1880, 174, § 6.

SECT. 3. Said hospital shall not be erected or located within three hundred feet of any school-house or church now built.

Location

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

March 27, 1858.

[1880, 174.]

1859. — CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY OUT A HIGHWAY BY EXTENDING ALBANY STREET.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston, with the concurrence of the common council, and the approval of the mayor thereof, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out a highway, in continuation of Albany street, in said city, not exceeding eighty feet wide, and extending from Malden street, across the tide water in the south bay, so called, in any convenient direction or directions, within the commissioners' line, as now established, to Troy street; and to protect said highway, if they shall deem it necessary, by the erection of a sea-wall outside thereof: *provided, however*, that no part of such sea-wall shall be outside of the said commissioners' line; and, also, if they shall see fit, to widen the Dover-street bridge between Harrison avenue and Foundry street, so that the same may be fifty feet wide, and no more, between the points herein designated.

Extension of Albany street, etc.

SECT. 2. Any person or persons, whose flats or land shall be taken for the purpose aforesaid, shall have the same rights and remedies.

Damages, how settled.

dies for the assessment and collection of damages sustained by him or them, which are now provided by law in cases where lands are taken for public highways.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

February 4, 1859.

[1855, 73; 1856, 107.]

## 1859. — CHAPTER 173.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PAWNERS' BANK.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Government of  
the bank.

One director to  
be appointed  
annually by  
mayor.

SECTION 6.<sup>2</sup> The government of the bank shall be in seven directors, five of whom shall be chosen annually, in October, by the stockholders, together with one to be appointed by the governor of the commonwealth, and one to be appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston; and the board thus created shall elect one of their number president, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary.

April 5, 1859.

[1876, 11.]

## 1859. — CHAPTER 184.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO RAISE THE DAM AT THE OUTLET OF LAKE COCHITUATE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City of Boston  
authorized to  
to raise dam.

May take and  
hold real estate.

Proviso.

Exemption from  
taxation.

City to be liable  
for all damages  
sustained.

Rights and rem-  
edies.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized, by and through the agency of the Cochituate water board therein, or by and through any other agency which shall be established therefor, by the city council of said city, to raise the dam at the outlet of Lake Cochituate, formerly called "Long Pond," lying in the towns of Natick, Wayland, and Framingham, to the height of ten feet above the floor of "Knight's Flume," so called, and may also take and hold, from time to time, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate on and around the margin of said lake, not exceeding five rods in width, measuring from the verge of said lake, when the same shall be raised to the level authorized by this act, so far as such lands and real estate may be necessary for the preservation and purity of said lake, for the purpose of furnishing a supply of pure water for said city of Boston: *provided, however,* that no lands or real estate taken or purchased under this act, shall be exempted from taxation, by reason of such taking or purchase. All lands and real estate within said towns, heretofore taken or purchased, and now held by said city by virtue of an act approved March thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, or by virtue of any other act heretofore passed, shall be and remain exempted from taxation, so long as they continue to be so held and used for the purposes of said acts.

SECT. 2. The said city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property, by the taking of any land or real estate, or by the flowage of the lands of any person as aforesaid; and in regard to such taking and flowage,

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1860, c. 428, § 1 (not printed in this volume), the name was changed to the Collateral Loan Company.

<sup>2</sup> No other section of this act relates to the city of Boston or to any of its officers.

and the ascertainment and payment of all such damages, the said city of Boston, and all persons claiming damages, shall have all the rights, immunities, and remedies, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and obligations, which are provided in the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, the one hundred and eighty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and the three hundred and sixteenth chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty. Said city of Boston shall also indemnify said towns of Natick and Wayland, against all injury which may at any time be done to any highway or bridge in such towns, by reason of the raising of the water, and maintaining the dam, as herein before provided.

City to indemnify Natick and Wayland.

SECT. 3. This act shall not take effect, until said city of Boston shall have paid to the said town of Framingham the sum of forty-five hundred dollars; to the said town of Natick, the sum of three thousand dollars; and to the said town of Wayland, the sum of one thousand dollars; nor until said act shall have been accepted by the city council of said city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

Act not to take effect until, etc.

April 5, 1859.

[1846, 167; 1849, 187; 1850, 316.]

## 1859. — CHAPTER 210.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE BACK BAY AND THE PUBLIC GARDEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1.<sup>2</sup> The boundary line between the cities of Boston and Roxbury is hereby altered and established as follows: beginning at a point where the present boundary line between the two cities intersects the easterly side of Avenue Number VI., as laid down on the plan accompanying the third annual report of the commissioners on Boston Harbor and Back Bay, dated October thirty, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, thence running by the said easterly side of said Avenue Number VI., to the present boundary line near the mill-dam; and all that portion of land, flats, or channels, easterly of the line hereby established, is hereby annexed to and made a part of said city of Boston in the county of Suffolk, and shall constitute a part of ward nine, until a new division of the wards: *provided*, that this act shall not affect the present apportionment for the choice of senators and representatives to the general court, and of councillor.

Boundary between Boston and Roxbury altered and established.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. If there shall be within the limits of the territory hereby annexed to the city of Boston, any portion which is owned by the city of Roxbury, the city of Boston shall not assess any taxes on such portion owned by Roxbury, so long as it is so owned.

Boston not to tax any portion owned by Roxbury.

SECT. 3. The commissioners on the Back Bay are hereby authorized and required to fill up and complete, at the expense of the commonwealth, so much of the street next west of the public garden called Arlington street, as remains to be completed at the time of the passage of this act, so that the said street shall be of the full width of eighty feet; and also the strip of land easterly of said street, which was released by the commonwealth to the city of Boston by indenture dated December eleventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-six; and no building shall hereafter be erected between Arlington and Charles streets, except such as are expedient for horticultural

Back Bay commissioners to fill up certain lands.

Restriction.

<sup>1</sup> These conditions were complied with, and the act was accepted by the city council, May 8, 1859. See City Records, Vol. 37, p. 222.

<sup>2</sup> Sections one and two were superseded by annexation of Roxbury to Boston.

Proviso.

purposes: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall render it unlawful to erect a city hall on the public garden.

Commissioners of award to be appointed.

SECT. 4. For the purpose of determining a just equivalent to the city of Boston, for the relinquishment hereby made of any rights the said city may now have to erect buildings on the strip of land on Arlington street, which was conveyed to the city by the said indenture of December eleventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, the governor of the commonwealth and the mayor of said city shall appoint three commissioners, who shall make an award thereon; and the commonwealth shall convey to the city of Boston such portion of the land or flats in the Back Bay, belonging to the commonwealth, and upon such limitations and restrictions as the said commissioners shall order and direct, in said award, as such equal equivalent; and if such commissioners shall not be appointed within thirty days after this act shall take effect, the supreme judicial court, upon the representation of either party, and upon notice to the other, shall appoint such commissioners.

Supreme judicial court to appoint, in case, etc.

Sewer to be constructed.

SECT. 5. The commissioners on the Back Bay are authorized and required to construct all that part of the main sewer, extending from Tremont street, in Boston, to Charles river, which is to be built by the commonwealth, in accordance with the tripartite indenture between the commonwealth and the city of Boston and the Boston Water-Power Company, dated December eleventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.<sup>1</sup>

Act to be accepted by legal voters of Boston.

SECT. 6. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall notify and warn the legal voters of the said city to meet in their respective wards on some day within thirty days from the date of the passage of this act, for the purpose of giving their votes "yes" or "no" in answer to the question, "Are you in favor of accepting an act of the legislature of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'an act in relation to the Back Bay and the public garden in the city of Boston'?" and the votes shall be received, sorted, and counted, and declaration made thereof in the same manner as votes at other elections; and the mayor and aldermen shall transmit to the secretary of the commonwealth, within seven days after said meetings, a true return of the votes in the affirmative and negative; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes are in favor of the acceptance of this act, then it shall be considered as binding in all its provisions, alike upon the commonwealth of Massachusetts and the city of Boston, and shall have full force and effect; but if a majority of the votes are against the acceptance of this act, then it shall be null and void, and the secretary shall give public notice accordingly.<sup>2</sup>

SECT. 7. The preceding section, authorizing and directing the submission of this act to the legal voters of Boston, shall take effect from and after the passage of this act.

April 6, 1859.

## 1859. — CHAPTER 211.

### AN ACT CONCERNING FANEUIL HALL MARKET, IN BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Provisions and produce to be sold on street stands around Faneuil Hall market, under certain restrictions.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall make no by-law, ordinance, or regulation, excluding from the occupation of street stands within the limits of Faneuil Hall market, in said city, as the same are, or may be, defined in the city ordinances for the sale of fresh provisions and perishable produce, any persons taking such stand for the sole

<sup>1</sup> See Back Bay Agreements, pp. 73, 78.

<sup>2</sup> Accepted April 25, 1859.

purpose of selling such fresh provisions or perishable produce: *provided* the same are the product of the farm of the person offering them for sale, or of some farm within ten miles of the residence of such person; or are to be sold at wholesale only by the party offering the same for sale on commission, for, or as agent for, some person or persons not residing or having a usual place of business within eight miles of said market; or are meats to be sold at wholesale only by the person who slaughtered the animals of which the same was a part.

SECT. 2. The said city shall make no by-law, ordinance, or regulation, prohibiting the occupation of stands within said limits, and the sale of fresh provisions and perishable produce, by the persons hereinbefore mentioned, between the hours of four o'clock in the afternoon and the time of closing said market at night, or before ten o'clock in the forenoon, except on Sunday and holidays.

No prohibition by city of Boston during certain hours of the day, except, etc. 109 Mass. 355. 9 Met. 253.

SECT. 3. Any existing by-laws, ordinances, or regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed; but this act shall not be construed to repeal or prevent reasonable rules of police, needful for the decorum, convenience and good order of the market, and those who buy and sell therein.

Repeal except.

April 6, 1859.

[1860, 152.]

# 1860. — CHAPTER 94.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NEWTON AND WATERTOWN GAS-LIGHT COMPANY TO EXTEND THEIR PIPES INTO THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The Newton and Watertown Gas-Light Company are hereby authorized to extend their pipes for the purpose of conducting into, and selling gas in the town of Brighton.

Extension of pipes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation, with the consent of the selectmen of the town of Brighton, shall have the power and authority to open the ground in any part of the streets, lanes, and highways, of said town for the purpose of sinking and repairing such pipes and conductors as it may be necessary to sink for the purpose aforesaid; and the said corporation, after opening the ground in said streets, lanes, or highways, shall be held to put the same into repair under the penalty of being prosecuted for a nuisance: *provided*, that the selectmen of the said town, for the time being, shall at all times have power to regulate, restrict, and control all the acts and doings of said corporation which may, in any manner, affect the health, safety, and convenience of the inhabitants of said town: *provided*, said company shall not be authorized to lay gas-pipes in any streets where authority to lay such pipes has been previously granted by the selectmen of the town of Brighton, to any other company.

Opening of ground to sink pipes.

Repairs of highways.

Proviso.

Proviso.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 20, 1860.

[1873, 303.]

<sup>1</sup> Changed to eleven o'clock by St. 1860, c. 152.

<sup>2</sup> Modified by annexation to Boston, St. 1873, c. 303.

## 1860. — CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO PREVENT LIVELY STABLES FROM BEING ERECTED IN CERTAIN PLACES IN THE TOWN OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

1810, 124.

SECTION 1. The first section of the one hundred and twenty-fourth chapter of the statutes of the year eighteen hundred and ten, passed on the eleventh day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and eleven, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "God" the following words, to wit: "without the consent in writing of the proprietors of such church or meeting-house, or of the religious society or parish worshipping therein, and the consent of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

March 26, 1860.

[1810, 124; 1869, 869.]

## 1860. — CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARBOR OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Wharf extended.  
alone.

SECTION 1. So much of the third section of an act entitled "an act in addition to an act concerning the harbor of Boston," passed on the third day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, as provides that the proprietors of the wharves and flats, by said act authorized to be extended, shall extend said wharves and the lines of their respective flats in a direction at right angles to the line established by said act, is hereby repealed, and the proprietors of said wharves and flats are hereby authorized to extend their wharves and the lines of their respective flats to the line established by said act in the directions in which the said lines of their respective flats were originally established between said proprietors

Public streets  
laid out by pro-  
prietors of  
wharves.

SECT. 2. Whenever the said proprietors lay out or appropriate for any street or streets any portion of the said flats or wharves, the city of Boston may at any time accept and lay out as and for a public street or streets the portion or portions of said flats or wharves by said proprietors so laid out and appropriated, or any part of the same, which portions so accepted shall thereupon, and without any further act of the said proprietors, and without any compensation to them or any of them therefor, vest in the said city of Boston.

Sea-walls.

SECT. 3. Each and every one of the said proprietors of said flats, or of any part thereof, who, at the expiration of two years from the passage of this act, have failed or neglected to cause a good and substantial sea-wall to be built and maintained in front of his or their respective flats on the line established by said act, passed on the third day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, shall forfeit all rights acquired under said act last mentioned, or under this act.

March 31, 1860.

## 1860. — CHAPTER 147.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE POWERS OF CONSTABLES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Any constable in the city of Boston, who shall have given to the treasurer of the city of Boston a bond, with sureties in a sum not less than three thousand dollars, to the satisfaction of the said treasurer, with condition for the faithful performance of his duties in the service of all civil processes which may be committed to him, and shall have caused the same, with the approval of the mayor and aldermen of said city endorsed thereon, to be filed in the office of the city clerk of said city, may, within the said city of Boston, serve any writ or other process in any personal action, and any process in replevin which constables are now by existing provisions of law authorized to serve; and in addition thereto may serve any writ or process in any personal action or process in replevin which may be made returnable to the police court in said city of Boston; and no constable in the city of Boston shall serve any civil process until he shall have given the bond as herein provided.

Constables to serve writs or other process on conditions.

Repealed by P.S. For reenactment, see *post*, p. 321.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on the second day of June next.

*April 2, 1860.*

## 1860. — CHAPTER 152.

## AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT CONCERNING FANEUIL HALL MARKET, IN BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The two hundred and eleventh chapter of the acts of the general court of Massachusetts for the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine is hereby amended by striking out "ten o'clock in the forenoon," and substituting "eleven o'clock in the forenoon" therefor, in the second section of said act.

Amendment to 1859, 211.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

*April 2, 1860.*

[1823, 148; 1859, 211.]

## 1860. — CHAPTER 182.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF ROXBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Roxbury are hereby authorized and empowered to construct sidewalks in any of the streets in said city, and to furnish all edge stones for the same, and to assess the expense of all such edge stones upon the owners of land abutting on the sidewalks so constructed, in proportion to the length of lines of their respective estates; and said owners shall be bound and obliged to pay the amounts so assessed: and in case any such owner or owners shall refuse to pay the amount so assessed, within such time as said mayor and aldermen shall designate, then such amount or amounts may be recovered by an action of contract, to be brought by said city of Roxbury before any court or tribunal having competent jurisdiction in the premises.

Abutting estates liable for expense of sidewalks.



Repeal.

SECT. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

April 4, 1860.

### 1860. — CHAPTER 194.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER TO LAY OUT AND CONSTRUCT A TOWN WAY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Location of town way.

The selectmen of the town of Dorchester, in the county of Norfolk, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out and construct a town way in the said town of Dorchester, commencing at a point at or near the place where the Old Colony and Fall River railroad crosses Mill street, so called, thence running eastwardly across the marshes and the tide-waters of the northerly branch or arm of the creek known as Barque Warwick cove, to any convenient point upon Commercial street, so called, lying northwardly of the northerly end of the bridge now standing at the mouth of the said cove; and the selectmen aforesaid, in laying out such town way, shall conform to the provisions of law for the laying out of ways within the limits of the towns in this commonwealth, and their proceedings, so far as they have been conformable to the forms and provisions of law, are hereby established and confirmed.

April 4, 1860.

### 1861. — CHAPTER 105.

AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WITH PURE WATER.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Supply from Mystic pond.

SECTION 1. The city of Charlestown is hereby authorized to take, hold, and convey, by steam or other power, to, into, and through, the said city, by suitable aqueducts or pipes, the waters of Mystic pond, so called, in the towns of Medford, West Cambridge, and Winchester, and the waters which may flow into and from the same, and may also take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any land, real estate, or water-rights, necessary for erecting, laying, and maintaining, and may erect, lay, and maintain, such aqueducts, pipes, dams, gates, pumps, bridges, reservoirs, embankments, water-ways, drains, or other structures as may be necessary or convenient to insure the purity of the waters of said pond, or the ponds and streams running into it, or to convey said waters into, and for the use of, the said city of Charlestown: *provided, however*, that said city shall not divert or draw water from any part of said Mystic pond lying southerly of the "narrows" or "partings," so called, in said pond. And said city of Charlestown shall have power to erect and maintain a dam between the upper and lower portions of said Mystic pond at the said "narrows" or "partings," so as to exclude the waters of the lower part from those of the upper, and raise the waters of the upper pond as high as they may judge necessary for the purposes of this act, not to exceed, however, the level of "Bacon's dam," so called. And said city of Charlestown shall not erect any dam across Mystic river, or obstruct, or exclude, the free flow of the tide into the lower Mystic pond. Said city of Charlestown shall make and maintain a suitable fish-way in the dam hereby authorized to be constructed by them at the "partings" or "narrows," so called, and upon request in writing

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Dam may be erected.

Restriction, etc.

Charlestown to maintain fish-way.

<sup>1</sup> Modified by annexation of Charlestown to Boston. See St. 1873, c. 236, § 12.

made to the mayor of said city by any member of the fish committees of the towns of Medford or West Cambridge, on or after the first day of March in each year, the same shall be forthwith opened for the passage of fish, and left open until the first day of the next September, unless a majority of both of said committees shall sooner consent to have the same closed.

SECT. 2. For the purposes of distribution, the city may lay down pipes to any house or building in said city, the owner or owners thereof having notice and not objecting thereto, and may make and establish public hydrants in such places as may, from time to time, be deemed proper, and prescribe the purposes for which they may be used, and may change or discontinue the same; may regulate the use of the water within and without the said city, and establish the prices or rents to be paid for the use thereof. And the said city may, for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct any aqueducts or other works by them to be made and constructed, over or under any water-course, or any street, turnpike-road, highway or other way, in such manner as not to obstruct or impede travel thereon, or the free flow of the water therein. In carrying the pipes or conduits of said aqueduct across Mystic river, the same shall either be carried below the level of the bed of said river, or the bridge or other structure on which the same is carried over said river shall be elevated at least three feet in the clear above high-water level at the point where the same may cross said river; and may enter upon and dig up any such road, street, or way, for the purpose of laying down said aqueducts or other works, and for maintaining and repairing the same.

May lay pipes.

Regulation of use.  
Water rents.  
Powers of city.  
Aqueducts.

SECT. 3. Three commissioners shall be appointed by the city council, who shall, during their continuance in office, execute and perform, superintend and direct, the execution and performance of all the works, matters, and things, mentioned in the preceding sections, which are not otherwise specially provided for in this act; they shall be subject to such ordinances, rules, and regulations, in the execution of their said trust, as the city council may, from time to time, ordain and establish, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and the laws of this commonwealth; they shall respectively hold their said office for the term of two years next after their said appointment, unless the aqueduct and works aforesaid shall be sooner completed; but they, or either of them, after having had an opportunity to be heard in his or their defence, may be removed at any time by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of each branch of the city council; and, in case of a vacancy in the board of commissioners, by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of another commissioner, in manner aforesaid, who shall hold his said office for the residue of the said term of two years, with all the powers and subject to all the restrictions aforesaid. A major part of said commissioners shall be a quorum for the exercise of the powers, and the performance of the duties, of the said office; they shall, once in every three months, and whenever required by the city council, make and present, in writing, a particular report and statement of all their acts and proceedings, and of the condition and progress of the works aforesaid.

Superintending commissioners.  
1870, 216, § 2.

Tenure of office

Reports of commissioners.

SECT. 4. Before the appointment of the commissioners aforesaid, the city council shall establish and fix the salaries, or compensation, to be paid to the commissioners for their services; and the said salaries of the said commissioners, so established and fixed as aforesaid, shall not be reduced during their continuance, respectively, in said office.

Compensation.

SECT. 5. Whenever the said office of commissioners shall cease, either by the expiration of the said term of two years from the

Powers and duties vested in city council.

original appointment, or by the completion of the aqueducts and works mentioned in the preceding sections of this act, all the rights, powers, and authority, given to the city of Charlestown by this act, shall be exercised by the said city, subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, herein contained, in such manner and by such agents as the city council shall, from time to time, ordain, appoint, and direct.

**Damages.**

SECT. 6. The said city of Charlestown shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property by the taking of any land, water, or water-rights, or by the constructing of any aqueducts, reservoirs, or other works, for the purposes of this act. And if the owner of any land, water, or water-rights, which shall be taken as aforesaid, or other person who shall sustain damage as aforesaid, shall not agree upon the damages to be paid therefor, he may apply, by petition, for the assessment of his damages, at any time within three years from the taking of the said land, water, or water-rights, or sustaining damage as aforesaid, and not afterwards, to the superior court in the county in which the same are situate, unless sooner barred, as provided in the seventh section of this act. Such petition may be filed in the clerk's office of said court, in vacation or in term time, and the clerk shall thereupon issue a summons to the city of Charlestown, returnable, if issued in vacation, to the then next term of the said court, and if in term time, returnable on such day as the said court shall order, to appear and answer to the said petition; the said summons shall be served fourteen days at least, before the return day thereof, by leaving a copy thereof, and of the said petition, certified by the officer who shall serve the same, with the mayor or clerk of said city; and the said court may, upon default or hearing of the said city, appoint three disinterested freeholders of this commonwealth, who shall, after reasonable notice to the parties, assess the damages, if any, which such petitioner may have sustained as aforesaid; and the award of the said freeholders, or of the major part of them, being returned into and accepted by the said court, shall be final, and judgment shall be rendered and execution issued thereon for the prevailing party, with costs, unless one of the said parties shall claim a trial by jury as hereinafter provided.

**City to prosecute in certain cases.**

SECT. 7. Whenever any damages shall have been sustained by any persons as set forth in the sixth section of this act, and such persons shall neglect to institute proceedings against the city of Charlestown, according to the provisions of this act, for the space of twelve months, it shall be lawful for the city of Charlestown to commence such proceedings, which shall go on and be determined in the same manner as if commenced by the persons who shall have sustained such damage; and if such persons, on receiving due notice, shall not come in and prosecute the proceedings as instituted, judgment shall be entered against them, and they shall be forever barred from recovering any damages under this act.

**Appeal to a jury.**

SECT. 8. If either of the parties mentioned in the sixth section shall be dissatisfied with the amount of damages awarded as therein expressed, such party may, at the term at which such award was accepted, or the next term thereafter, claim, in writing, a trial in said court, and have a jury to hear and determine, at the bar of said court, all questions of fact relating to such damages, and to assess the amount thereof; and the verdict of such jury, being accepted and recorded by the said court, shall be final and conclusive, and judgment shall be rendered and execution issued thereon, and costs shall be recovered by the said parties, respectively, in the same manner as is provided by law, in regard to proceedings relating to the laying out of highways.

**Verdict to be final.**

SECT. 9. No application shall be made to the court for the assessment of damages for the taking of any water-rights, until the water shall be actually withdrawn or diverted by the said city, under the authority of this act. Appropriation for assessment of damages.

SECT. 10. In every case of a petition to the superior court for the assessment of damages, as provided in the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth, sections of this act, the city of Charlestown, by any of its officers, may tender to the complainant, or his attorney, any sum that they shall think proper, or may bring the same into court, to be paid to the complainant for the damages by him incurred or claimed in his petition; and if the complainant shall not accept the same, with his costs up to that time, but shall proceed in the suit, he shall be entitled to his costs up to the time of the tender, or such payment into court, and not afterwards; and the said city shall be entitled to recover its costs afterwards, unless the complainant shall recover greater damages than were so offered. Recovery of damages and costs.

SECT. 11. For the purpose of defraying all the costs and expenses of such lands, estates, waters, and water-rights as shall be taken, purchased, or held, for the purposes mentioned in this act, and of constructing all aqueducts and works necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the said purposes, and all expenses incident thereto, heretofore incurred or that may be hereafter incurred, the city council shall have authority to issue, from time to time, scrip, notes, or certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face thereof, "Water bonds of the city of Charlestown," to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding the legal rate of interest in this commonwealth, which shall be redeemable at a period of time not less than ten, nor more than fifty, years from and after the issue of the said scrip, notes, or certificates, respectively; and the city council may sell the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, at public or private sale, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purposes aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as the said city council shall adjudge proper; and the said city council may, for the purpose of meeting payments of such interest as may accrue upon any certificate of debt, make such further issue of scrip, notes, or certificates of debt, as may be necessary therefor. "Water bonds."

1864, 176.  
1865, 135.

SECT. 12. The city council may, from time to time, pass such by-laws and ordinances as they may deem proper for the preservation and protection of all or any of the works connected with the supplying of the city of Charlestown with pure and wholesome water, under and by virtue of this act: *provided*, such by-laws and ordinances are not inconsistent with any laws of this commonwealth, or with the constitution thereof, subject at any time to be repealed or modified by the legislature. and may also organize a department, with full powers for the management of such works, and the distribution of the said water. Water regulations.  
1870, 216.

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SECT. 13. The city council shall, from time time, regulate the price or rent for the use of the water, with a view to the payment, from the net income and receipts, not only of the semi-annual interest, but ultimately of the principal of said debt so contracted, so far as the same may be practicable and reasonable. And the occupant of any tenement shall be liable for the payment of the price or rent for the use of the water in such tenement; and the owner thereof shall be also liable, if, on being notified of such use, he does not object thereto; and if any person or persons shall use any of the said water, either within or without the said city, without the consent of the city, an action of tort may be maintained against him or them for the recovery of damages therefor: *provided, however*, that this act Water rents.  
  
Liabilities of occupants and owners.

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shall not be so construed as to prevent the inhabitants of Medford, West Cambridge, and Winchester from using so much of the water hereby granted, as shall be necessary for extinguishing fires, and for all ordinary household purposes, under such regulations of the city council as may be essential for the preservation of the purity of the said water.

Penalties for  
misdemeanors,  
and injuries to  
water works, &c.

SECT. 14. If any person or persons shall wilfully or maliciously divert the water, or any part thereof, of any of the ponds, streams, or water-sources, which shall be taken by the city pursuant to the provisions of this act, or shall corrupt the same, or render it impure, or destroy or injure any dam, aqueduct, pipe, conduit, hydrant, machinery, or other property, held, owned, or used, by the said city, by the authority and for the purposes of this act, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the said city three times the amount of the damages that shall be assessed therefor, to be recovered by any proper action. And such person or persons may, moreover, on indictment and conviction of either of the wilful and malicious acts aforesaid, be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and imprisonment not exceeding one year.

Extinguishment  
of fires.

1865, 144.

SECT. 15. The said city of Charlestown is also authorized to supply with water for the extinguishment of fires or for other purposes, the cities of Chelsea and Boston, and the towns through which the line of aqueduct may pass, and for this purpose may erect and maintain such structures as may be requisite and necessary therefor: *provided*, that such supply to Boston shall not deprive the towns on the line of the aqueduct of a sufficient supply of water.

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Hydrants.

SECT. 16. The said city of Charlestown shall erect and maintain proper hydrants at such points along the line of the aqueduct as the selectmen of the towns of Somerville and Medford shall direct: *provided, however*, the said city of Charlestown shall not be required to erect and maintain such hydrants at points nearer together than five hundred feet; and said towns of Somerville and Medford may at all times draw water from said hydrants without charge therefor, for the extinguishment of fires, under such regulations as the city of Charlestown may, from time to time, establish under authority of this act; and the rates of water supplied to the inhabitants of said towns of Somerville and Medford for other purposes than the extinguishment of fires, as provided in section fifteen, shall not exceed the rates charged for like uses in said city of Charlestown, and the payment or rental for the use of such water shall be made and collected in the same manner as herein before provided for the water distributed in the said city of Charlestown. In case the pipes for distributing said water shall be laid without expense to said city of Charlestown, such charge or rental shall be made for the use of said water as may be agreed upon by and between said towns respectively and said city of Charlestown.

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1866, 212.

Act to be ac-  
cepted by legal  
voters.

SECT. 17. The provisions of this act shall be void unless submitted to and approved by the voters of the city of Charlestown, at meetings held simultaneously for that purpose in the several wards, within three years from the passage of this act, upon notice duly given, at least seven days before the time of holding said meetings.<sup>1</sup>

SECT. 18. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

March 28, 1861.

[1863, 9; 1864, 176; 1865, 135, 144; 1866, 212; 1870, 216; 1871, 159; 1872, 85; 1874, 400; 1875, 202.]

<sup>1</sup> Approved by the voters of Charlestown, September 10, 1861.

## 1861. — CHAPTER 142.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO STREETS ON THE BACK BAY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

The various streets and ways on the Back Bay, in the city of Boston, and on the northerly side of the Mill-dam, as laid down on the general plan thereof, accompanying the fifth annual report of the commissioners on the Back Bay, and dated Boston, January twenty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and deposited in Suffolk registry of deeds, August thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, with such modifications and alterations as have been made by the commissioners, shown on the plan recorded in Suffolk registry of deeds, liber seven hundred and eighty-eight, folio one hundred and fifty-nine, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and the said commissioners shall have the general control of all streets, ways, and squares, on the land of the commonwealth, and may offer them, or any portion of them, for acceptance by the city of Boston, on such terms and conditions as they may deem expedient, subject to the approval of the governor and council: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the commissioners on the Back Bay to postpone or modify the operation of the fourth section of chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Plan confirmed.

Commissioners, powers of.

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April 6, 1861.

## 1861. — CHAPTER 220.

## AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE "ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The fifteenth section of the act entitled "an act for supplying the city of Boston with pure water," passed the thirtieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words, viz. : "or by confinement to hard labor in the state prison for a term not exceeding ten years."

Penalty for diverting water increased.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 23, 1861.

[1846, 167.]

## 1862. — CHAPTER 64.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARBOR-MASTER OF THE PORT OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The harbor-master for the port of Boston shall hereafter be appointed by the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, instead of the city council of said city; and he shall continue to have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and obligations, which now appertain by law to the said office.

Harbor-master, how appointed.

1847, 234.

SECT. 2. The city council of the city of Boston may make and ordain all such ordinances, rules, orders, and regulations, for prescribing the duties, and controlling the action of the said harbor-master, as they shall deem expedient: *provided*, such ordinances, rules, orders, and regulations are not repugnant to law; and they may, if they shall deem it expedient, provide by ordinance for adding to the

City council may prescribe duties.

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duties of the said harbor-master the duties of captain of the harbor police.

Repeal.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

When to take effect.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect as soon as the same shall be accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

March 11, 1862.

[1837, 229; 1848, 814; 1882, 216; P.S. 69, §§ 23-34; 1884, 173.]

## 1862. — CHAPTER 65.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE REBUILDING AND FUTURE SUPPORT OF "CAMBRIDGE GREAT BRIDGE."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Cambridge and Brighton to rebuild.

SECTION 1. The city of Cambridge, and the inhabitants of the town of Brighton, are hereby authorized and required to rebuild the "great bridge," over Charles river, between the city of Cambridge and the town of Brighton, in a substantial and proper manner; the same to be made of the width of twenty-eight feet, with a draw in the centre thereof, at an equal distance from each abutment, of not less than thirty-two feet in width, and with the necessary and proper draw-piers, one above and one below said bridge. The expense incurred in such rebuilding of the bridge and piers shall be borne by said city of Cambridge and said town of Brighton in proportion to the respective valuations of said city and town; but all the additional expense incurred in deepening the channel below said bridge, so as to admit of placing the draw in the centre of said bridge, shall be borne equally by said city and town.

Dimensions and draws.

Expense.

Dividing line of towns.

SECT. 2. The bridge, when it shall have been rebuilt as aforesaid, shall be divided by a line along the opening in the middle of said draw, at an equal distance from each abutment, and said line shall forever be the dividing line between Cambridge and Brighton at that point.

Maintenance and repairs by towns, defined.

SECT. 3. So much of said bridge and draw as shall lie south-westerly of said dividing line, together with the most southerly pier, shall be forever supported, maintained, and repaired, and the south-westerly half of the draw shall be raised by, and at the expense of, said town of Brighton; and so much of said bridge and draw as shall lie north-easterly of said dividing line, together with the most northerly pier, shall be forever supported, maintained, and repaired, and the north-easterly half of the draw shall be raised by, and at the expense of, said city of Cambridge.

Channel may be deepened.

SECT. 4. For the purpose of placing the draw of said bridge in the centre of the same, as above provided, said city and town are authorized and empowered to deepen the channel in said river, so far as may be necessary for that purpose.

Repeal.

SECT. 5. All acts, or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 11, 1862.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted April 20, 1876.

1862. — CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ATTACHING OR MOORING OF RAFTS TO ANY BRIDGE, PIER, OR WHARF, IN THE HARBOR OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Every person who shall attach or moor any raft, or collection of spars, logs, piles, timber, or lumber, to any bridge, pier, or wharf, in the harbor of Boston, longer than ten hours, without the written consent of the owner thereof, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to such owner, a sum of not less than twenty-five dollars, and five dollars for every successive day during which such attachment or mooring shall be so continued; and shall be further liable for all damages to such bridge, pier, or wharf, caused by such attachment, or mooring, or any continuance thereof, to be recovered by an action of tort.

Penalty for attaching rafts, logs, etc., to bridge, pier or wharf, without consent of owner.

Further liability.

SECT. 2. Every person who shall attach or moor any raft, or collection of spars, logs, piles, timber, or lumber, to any public bridge, in the harbor of Boston, for more than ten hours, without the permission in writing of the mayor of Boston, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars, and five dollars for every succeeding day during which such attachment or mooring shall be so continued; to be recovered by complaint before the police court<sup>1</sup> of the city of Boston.

Penalty for attaching to public bridge more than ten hours without permit from mayor.

March 19, 1862.

1862. — CHAPTER 96.

RESOLVE IN RELATION TO STREETS AND DRAINAGE ON THE BACK BAY.

*Resolved,* That the commissioners on public lands be, and they hereby are, authorized to make such modifications of existing agreements in relation to the drainage of the Back Bay territory, so called, situated between the Mill-dam and Tremont street, in Boston, as may be agreed upon by the city of Boston and all other parties to such agreements, subject to the approval of the governor and council; and they may authorize the making of such new streets and ways, and the discontinuance of such streets and ways as have already been made or provided for, on the territory of the Boston Water-Power Company, and may connect any such streets with the streets on the commonwealth's territory, as they may deem expedient, and upon such terms and conditions as they may determine upon, subject to the approval of the governor and council; but before proceeding to act on this resolve, the commissioners shall give public notice by advertisement in two newspapers published in Boston, of the time and place at which all parties having any objections to such changes, or the laying out of such streets, may be heard.

Drainage of Back Bay territory. 1860, 68. Back Bay Agreements, p. 78.

April 30, 1862.

1863. — CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Charlestown is hereby authorized, for the purpose of constructing and repairing the works authorized by "an act for supplying the city of Charlestown with pure water," approved

Mystic pond, city authorized to lower waters of.

<sup>1</sup> Now municipal court.



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on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, temporarily to lower the waters of Mystic pond, by erecting temporary tide-gates across Mystic river, at such times and in such manner as may be necessary for said purpose: *provided*, that such tide-gates shall not be erected at any point on said river below Alewife brook, nor allowed at any time to continue longer than shall be absolutely required for the construction or repair of said works, and that said city shall be liable for all damages occasioned by its proceedings under this act, to be recovered by the party sustaining the same, in the manner provided in the act above referred to.

Governor and council may cause removal of tide-gates.

SECT. 2. If at any time the governor and council shall deem such temporary tide-gates across the Mystic river prejudicial to the harbor of Boston, they shall have power to order said tide-gates to be removed within forty-eight hours, and, if not so removed, the governor and council may cause the same to be removed at the expense of said city of Charlestown.

Repeal.

SECT. 3. Such parts of any existing laws as are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 5, 1863.

[1861, 105.]

## 1864. — CHAPTER 123.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Acts of city respecting certain highways confirmed.

The action of the city of Charlestown on the twenty-ninth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, in the laying out and extension of Richmond street, and the widening of Chapman street, whereby certain lands of the commonwealth have been taken for the streets aforesaid, is hereby ratified and confirmed, so far as the taking of the lands of the commonwealth is concerned: *provided*, that the said city shall remove and reconstruct the fences to the satisfaction of the inspectors of the state prison: and *provided, further*, that the city of Charlestown shall file with the secretary of the commonwealth a copy of the record and plan of the said laying out and widening.

Proviso.

File of plan.

March 30, 1864.

## 1864. — CHAPTER 128.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Title established.

Functions, powers, and duties defined.

SECTION 1. The overseers of the poor in the town of Boston, incorporated on the twenty-fifth day of April, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, shall be known and called by the name of "The Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston," and as such shall continue to hold and possess all the property, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and obligations, which now belong or appertain to said corporation, whether as successors to the corporation above mentioned, or as successors of the corporation or body politic incorporated by the forty-fourth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and two, by the title of "The Trustees of John Boylston's

Charitable Donations, for the Benefit and Support of aged Poor Persons, and of Orphans and Deserted Children," including the faithful administration and execution of all the trusts, bequests, legacies, endowments, and charities, confided to them, which have been heretofore, or shall hereafter be, accepted by them.

SECT. 2. The said overseers of the poor in the city of Boston shall consist of twelve persons, residents of the city, and be elected by the city council of said city of Boston, by concurrent vote, in the following manner, within sixty days next after this act shall take effect: the said city council shall elect four persons to hold office until the first Monday in April, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and until other persons are elected in their places; four persons to hold their office until the first Monday in April, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and until others are elected in their places; and four persons to hold their office until the first Monday in April, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and until others are elected in their places; and thereafterwards, annually, on the first Monday in February, or within sixty days thereafter, four persons to hold their office for the term of three years from and after the first Monday in April next following such elections, respectively, and until other persons are elected in their places. Vacancies occurring in said corporation, from any cause, may be filled by said city council, in like manner, at any time; and the person elected to fill any vacancy shall hold his office during the term for which his predecessor was elected. The city council shall also have power, at any time, for cause, to remove either of said overseers from office.

Board to consist of twelve persons elected by city council.

Vacancies, how filled.

May remove for cause.

SECT. 3. The persons so first elected as overseers of the poor in the city of Boston, shall meet and organize on the first Monday of the month succeeding their election, and those thereafterwards elected shall meet for that purpose on the first Monday in April of each year. They shall choose a chairman from their own number, and a treasurer, secretary, and such subordinate officers as they may deem expedient, and shall define their duties and fix their respective salaries.

Organization.

SECT. 4. Said overseers shall render such accounts and reports of their expenditures, acts, and doings, as may be required by the city council, and the same shall be audited and allowed, if according to law, in such manner as the city council shall from time to time determine.

Accounts and reports. R.O. c. 28, §§ 4, 5.

SECT. 5. The present members of the corporation shall hold their office until others are elected in their places, under the provisions of this act.

Present board.

SECT. 6. No one of said overseers, nor any individual in their employ, shall be interested in a private capacity, directly or indirectly, in any contract or agreement for labor or for articles furnished by direction of said overseers, unless the same be expressly authorized by a recorded vote of the board.

Private interest in contracts for bidden

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

April 2, 1864.

[1772, 3; 1802, 44; 1813, 171; 1868, 183.]

## 1864. — CHAPTER 160.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Whenever any public street, or any part of the same, in the city of Charlestown, is paved or macadamized, or covered

Abutters shall construct side-walks in streets

paved or macadamized by order of city.  
98 Mass. 533.

Upon refusal, city may construct, and have lien for costs.

May sell lot for expense.

Sale, how conducted.

Redemption of property.

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Proviso.

Repeal of 1850, 165, § 1.

Not to affect rights or pending action.

with gravel as a substitute therefor, or when such paving or substitute shall have been ordered by the city council of said city, the owners of abutting lots of land or real estate upon such street or part of a street, shall, within thirty days after notice from the board of mayor and aldermen, so to do, construct, at their own expense, and to the acceptance of the board of mayor and aldermen, a sidewalk against their respective estates, with brick or flat-stone, supported on the outer edge thereof with hammered edgestone; and if any abutter shall refuse or neglect to construct such sidewalk against his lot for the space of thirty days after a written notice has been served upon him, his tenant, agent, or attorney, by order of said board of mayor and aldermen, said city may construct the same, and the expense thereof shall constitute a lien upon the abutting lot for one year after such expense was incurred; such expense, with incidental costs and charges, may be levied by sale of the whole or any part of such abutting lot, if such expense, costs, and charges, be not paid within three months after a written demand for payment of the same, made by the city treasurer upon the owner of the lot, his tenant, agent, or attorney; such sale to be conducted in like manner, and upon like notices, as sales of real estate for the non-payment of taxes; and when any estate or any part of the same is so sold, the owner thereof shall have the same right and the like remedies for redeeming the same, as is provided by law for the redemption of real estate sold for non-payment of taxes: *provided, however*, that when the owner of any abutting lot on any such street, shall, in the judgment of the mayor and aldermen, be unable to construct such sidewalk, they may cause the same to be constructed at the expense of the city: and, *provided, also*, that they may, in their discretion, allow the owners of vacant lots on any such street, to construct their sidewalks with plank and timber, to the acceptance of the board of mayor and aldermen, which shall be removed and the edgestone and brick, or flat-stone, sidewalk substituted therefor, when said board shall so order.

SECT. 2. The first section of chapter one hundred and sixty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled "an act to regulate sidewalks in the city of Charlestown," is hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect any rights now accrued, or any action now pending.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 20, 1864.

[1824, 16.]

## 1864. — CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may issue additional water bonds.

Appropriation of proceeds.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Charlestown is hereby authorized to issue water bonds of the city of Charlestown to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amount now authorized by the eleventh section of chapter one hundred and five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one. The bonds hereby authorized shall be issued and the proceeds thereof appropriated, in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions and conditions of said eleventh section.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[1861, 105.]

April 25, 1864.

## 1864. — CHAPTER 225.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOSTON ASYLUM  
FOR INEBRIATES.*Be it enacted, etc. :*

The city of Boston is hereby authorized to establish and maintain at Deer Island, or elsewhere within the limits of said city, to be under the charge of the board of directors for public institutions, an asylum to be called the Boston Asylum for Inebriates, to which persons requiring the benefits of such an institution may be admitted as boarders, upon such terms and conditions as the said board of directors may determine, subject to the approval of the city council of Boston.

City of Boston to establish.  
Supervision.  
Terms of admission.

May 11, 1864.

## 1864. — CHAPTER 271.

AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY  
OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER."*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall have the right to maintain its water pipes, as the same are now laid, in the mill-dam and other lands of the commonwealth in and near said city, subject to the provisions of this act: *provided*, that any person, whose property is injured thereby, shall have his damages ascertained and paid in the manner provided in the several acts to which this is in addition: and *provided*, further, that if, at any time hereafter, the legislature shall order a draw to be made through the said mill-dam, or other lands on the line of said pipes, for the purposes of navigation, the city of Boston shall so adapt its said pipes, at the locality of the draw, as not to interfere with a free passage of boats and vessels through such draw.

City may maintain pipes on mill dam and other lands.  
Proviso.  
Proviso.

SECT. 2. Said city may enter upon and dig up the ground in said mill-dam and other lands, when necessary for the purpose of repairing or replacing said pipes: *provided*, however, that said mill-dam and lands shall be restored by said city to as good order and condition as the same are in before such digging is commenced; and that the work shall be done in such manner, and with such care, as not to render any road, street, or way, in which said pipes are laid, unsafe or unnecessarily inconvenient to the public travel thereon.

City may enter and dig up lands.  
Proviso.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall at all times save harmless and indemnify the commonwealth, and any city or town which may become liable to keep in repair any road, street, or way, aforesaid, against all damages which may be recovered against them respectively, and shall reimburse to them respectively all expenses which they shall reasonably incur by reason of any defect or want of repair in such road, street, or way, caused by the maintenance, repairing or replacing of said pipes, or by reason of any injury to persons or property caused by any defect or want of repair in said pipes: *provided*, that said city shall have due and seasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury, and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto.

Indemnity to commonwealth and towns from damages sustained by defects in high-ways.  
Proviso.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 13, 1864.

[1846, 167; 1849, 187; 1865, 131.]

## 1864. — CHAPTER 315.

## AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OUTER HARBOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may raise  
\$150,000 for sea-  
walls and works  
on islands.

Plan approved  
by governor and  
council.

Amount ex-  
pended, how re-  
imbursed to  
city.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to raise, by taxation or otherwise, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and to expend the same in the construction of sea-walls and other necessary works on Great Brewster island, Gallop's island, and Deer island, in Boston harbor, in order to protect said islands against the action of the sea, and prevent further injury to said harbor by the washing thereinto of the earth from said islands. The plans for the construction of said works shall be submitted to, and approved by, the governor and council, before the same are commenced.

SECT. 2. The amount expended by said city in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be reimbursed to it from the first net proceeds or receipts from sales of the flats belonging to the commonwealth in said harbor, not already appropriated for specific purposes.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 14, 1864.

## 1865. — CHAPTER 131.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL RESERVOIR.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City council  
may direct con-  
struction.

May take cer-  
tain lands in  
Newton, BRIGHTON,  
and Brook-  
line.

Proviso.

May lay pipes  
from reservoir to  
pipes in Brook-  
line.

May secure  
lands.

May cross  
water-course or  
way.

City to be re-  
sponsible for  
damages by rea-  
son of defect  
caused in ways.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized, by and through the agency of the Cochituate water board therein, or by and through any other agency which shall be established therefor by the city council of said city, to construct and maintain an additional reservoir for receiving, holding, and distributing, water; and for this purpose, may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate, not exceeding two hundred acres, in the towns of Newton, Brighton, and Brookline, and lying between the Air Line railroad, the present line of the said city's aqueduct and Beacon street on the south, Rockland and Brighton streets on the east, South street on the north, and a street leading from said South street to said Beacon street on the west: *provided, however*, that no part of the tract of land comprising the Evergreen cemetery, in the town of Brighton, shall be so taken and held, otherwise than by purchase.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston may also, by and through the same agency, lay and maintain one or more suitable lines of pipes from the said reservoir to a convenient point in its line of pipes leading from its reservoir in said Brookline to said city; and may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, such lands or real estate as may be necessary therefor; and may carry and conduct the said pipes over or under any water-course, or any street, turnpike-road, railroad, highway or other way, in such manner as not to obstruct or impede travel thereon; and may enter upon and dig up such road, street, or way, for the purpose of laying the said pipes and for maintaining and repairing the same.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall at all times save harmless and indemnify any city or town which may become liable to keep in repair any road, street, or way, aforesaid, against all damages which may be recovered against them, respectively, and shall reimburse to them, respectively, all expenses which they shall reasonably incur by

reason of any defect or want of repair in such road, street, or way, caused by the maintenance, repairing, or replacing, of said pipes, or by reason of any injury to persons or property caused by any defect or want of repair in said pipes: *provided*, that said city shall have due and reasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury, and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto. Proviso.

SECT. 4. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property, by the taking of any land or real estate as aforesaid, or by any of its doings under this act; and in regard to such taking, and the ascertainment and payment of all such damages, the city of Boston, and all persons claiming damages, shall have all the rights, immunities, and remedies, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and obligations, which are provided in the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, the one hundred and eighty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and the three hundred and sixteenth chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty. Liability for damages to private property.  
Rights and remedies, citizens and city to be subject to by provisions of existing acts.

SECT. 5. For the purpose of defraying all the costs and expenses of such lands or real estate as shall be taken, purchased, or held, for the purposes mentioned in this act, and of constructing said reservoir, laying said pipes, and doing all other things incident thereto, the said city council shall have authority to issue, from time to time, notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, to such an amount as may be necessary, and in such form, on such length of time, and bearing such rate of interest, not exceeding six per cent. per annum, as they shall deem expedient. City council may issue debt certificates to defray expenditures.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 4, 1865.*

[1846, 117; 1849, 187; 1850, 316; 1864, 271.]

## 1865. — CHAPTER 135.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Charlestown is hereby authorized to issue water bonds of the city of Charlestown to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount now authorized by the eleventh section of chapter one hundred and five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and by chapter one hundred and seventy-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four. The bonds hereby authorized may be issued and the proceeds thereof appropriated in accordance with and subject to the provisions and conditions of said eleventh section, except so far as the same are changed or modified by this act. City council may issue additional water bonds.  
Conditions.

SECT. 2. The water bonds of the city of Charlestown which may hereafter be issued by virtue of this act, or of any previous act or acts, may be redeemable at a period of time not less than one nor more than fifty years from and after the issue of such bonds, respectively. And the city council of said city, may, for the purpose of meeting the payments of any of said water bonds, or of the interest which may accrue upon any of said bonds, make such further issue of water bonds as may be necessary therefor: *provided*, that the May be redeemable in one to fifty years.  
May issue bonds for payment of bonds or interest.  
Proviso: limitation.

issue of bonds under this act shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 8, 1865.

[1861, 105; 1864, 176.]

## 1865. — CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF CHELSEA TO PURCHASE A SUPPLY OF WATER FROM THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, AND TO ISSUE SCRIP IN PAYMENT THEREFOR.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May purchase under act of '61 and maintain works.

City council may issue water bonds redeemable in one to fifty years.

May sell at public or private sale.

May make further issue for payment of scrip or interest.

Provided.

Construction over river to be directed by commissioners on harbors and flats.

SECTION 1. The city of Chelsea is hereby authorized to purchase a supply of water from the city of Charlestown, agreeably to the provisions of section fifteen of chapter one hundred and five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and may erect and maintain such works and structures as may be requisite and necessary for the introduction of water from said city of Charlestown to the said city of Chelsea, and the distribution thereof in said city of Chelsea; and for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of such introduction and distribution, the city council of Chelsea shall have authority to issue from time to time, scrip, notes, or certificates of debt, to be denominated water bonds of the city of Chelsea, to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, bearing interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, which shall be redeemable at a period of time not less than one nor more than fifty years from and after the issue of said scrip, notes, or certificates, respectively; and the said city council may sell the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, at public or private sale, for the purpose aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as the said city council shall judge proper; and the said city council may, for the purpose of meeting payments of such interest as may accrue upon any certificate of debt, make such further issue of scrip, notes, or certificates of debt, as may be necessary therefor: *provided*, that the whole issue of scrip, notes, or certificates of debt, under this act shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The work of laying pipes and any other structures necessary to carry water from said city of Charlestown across Chelsea bridge to said city of Chelsea, shall be under the direction of the commissioners on harbors and flats of the commonwealth.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 11, 1865.

[1861, 105.]

## 1865. — CHAPTER 159.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LAYING OUT AND WIDENING OF A STREET FROM MILK STREET TO BROAD STREET, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Mayor and aldermen may lay out street.

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston are hereby authorized to widen and lay out, as a street, the line of street extending from Milk street to Broad street, in the said city, nearly parallel with Pearl street, and now known by the names of Oliver street, Washington square, and Belmont street, to take sufficient land for the same, to grade the same, and to assess the cost of such widening and grading, including damages for land and buildings

taken for such widening, upon estates abutting upon said widened street, as hereinafter provided. But the determination so to widen and lay out said street shall be made by the mayor and aldermen, and recorded within one year from the passage of this act.

Decision to act to be made and recorded within one year.

SECT. 2. The said street shall be made not less than fifty feet wide, and shall be so graded that the rise or fall shall in no place exceed two feet and a half in one hundred feet of length.

Width and grade of street.

SECT. 3. In making the estimate of the cost aforesaid, for which the assessment herein provided is to be laid, the mayor and aldermen shall estimate the damages sustained by any person or persons, by the taking of land for the said widening, including the value of the whole of the buildings on the land, any part of which shall be so taken, deducting therefrom, however, the value of the materials to be removed, and of the buildings, if any, which will remain standing; but no person shall be entitled to claim further damages for the cutting off of such buildings, or injury to the same; and, in estimating the value of the land cut off by the said widening, the land so cut off shall be estimated at its value before the widening, and such estimate shall not include the increased value occasioned merely by the widening, laying out, and grading, of the said street.

Mayor and aldermen to estimate damages to persons.

Decision to be final. Estimation of value, basis.

SECT. 4. The damages estimated according to the preceding section, shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto, in the same manner, and upon the same conditions, as is provided by law in other cases of land taken for widening streets in the county of Suffolk.

Payment of damages.

SECT. 5. Buildings and materials remaining upon the land, under the adjudication provided in section three, shall be taken care of by the owner thereof; and if such owner, after due notice so to do, by said mayor and aldermen, neglects or fails to take sufficient care thereof, said mayor and aldermen may take such care of the same as the public safety demands, at the expense of the owner; and if they shall adjudge a removal thereof to be necessary for the public security or necessity, they may remove the same at the expense of the owner, or they may sell the same, after five days' notice, at public auction, and hold the net proceeds of such sale for the benefit of the owner.

Property remaining to be cared for by owner or at his cost.

Removal may be made at expense of owner.

SECT. 6. The whole expense of the said widening, including the damages mentioned in the third section of this act, and the net expense of grading the whole widened street, after deducting the estimated net proceeds of the earth and gravel removed, shall be assessed upon all the estates abutting upon the said widened street, in proportion to their value, as they shall be appraised by the mayor and aldermen, when the improvements have been made.

Assessment of expenditure for widening, to be upon abutting estates.

106 Mass. 89.

SECT. 7. All assessments made under this act shall constitute a lien on the real estate assessed, for one year after they are laid, and may, together with all incidental costs and expenses, be levied by sale thereof, if the assessment is not paid within three months after a written demand of payment, made either upon the person assessed, or upon any person then occupying the estate, or posted upon the premises; such sale to be conducted in like manner as sales for the non-payment of taxes.

Shall constitute lien for one year, and may be levied by sale in three months after demand.

SECT. 8. Any party aggrieved by the doings of the mayor and aldermen, under this act, shall have the like remedy by petition for a jury, and with the same limitations as to the time of bringing such petition, as in other cases of widening or altering streets in the county of Suffolk. And any person aggrieved by the estimate made by the mayor and aldermen, under the tenth section of this act, may have the same assessed by a jury in the same manner as damages for the taking of land for highways may be assessed.

Party aggrieved may have jury.

SECT. 9. The city of Boston, at its own expense, shall provide a

Sewer, side-walks, and



bridges, city to provide.

Estate owner may surrender property to city.

Mayor and aldermen to estimate value, owner to convey and city to pay.

Property not used may be sold.

Sum paid by city to be assessed upon abutters.

suitable common sewer, and proper sidewalks, for the said street, pave the said street, as widened, and build the necessary bridges over it.

SECT. 10. Any person owning any of the said estates abutting on the said line of streets mentioned in the first section, at any time before the estimation of the damages, according to the third section of this act, may, instead of the provisions in section third, elect to surrender all of the said estate to the city of Boston. The mayor and aldermen of the said city shall thereupon estimate the value of the whole of the said abutting estate, with the buildings thereon, and the said owner shall convey the same to the said city, and the said city shall pay him therefor the value so estimated. And the said city shall sell at public auction all the building materials and buildings, and the remaining portion of said estate not used in said widening and grading, and the net proceeds thereof shall be applied towards the expenses of said widening and grading. And the estimated value of said estate, so paid by said city, shall be assessed upon the abutters, as provided in the sixth section of this act, instead of the damages estimated according to the said third section.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 27, 1865.

## 1865. — CHAPTER 192.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE GRANITE BRIDGE CORPORATION.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

County commissioners may lay out, as highway.

Allowance for damages.

Reconstruction of bridge by commissioners.

Shall provide draw-tenders until completed.

Expense, how paid.

Upon notice of completion, towns to be liable for care and maintenance.

SECTION 1. The county commissioners for the county of Norfolk may, with the assent of the Granite Bridge Corporation, lay out the turnpike, ways, bridge, and draw, belonging to said corporation, as a common highway, in accordance with the provisions of this act, and have and exercise the same powers relating thereto as are now had and exercised by them in the laying out of turnpikes as common highways; excepting that in the allowance and payment of damages under the provisions of the fifteenth section of the sixty-second chapter of the general statutes, so much of said section as requires the towns through which said ways pass to refund the same shall not apply.

SECT. 2. In case said commissioners shall proceed under section first to lay out said turnpike, bridge, and draw, as a common highway, they shall cause said bridge to be put in substantial repair, and so far reconstruct the same that it shall be safe and convenient for travel, preserving in the place where now located a draw and passage-way for vessels of at least the width now required by law; and said commissioners from the time said turnpike, bridge, and draw, are laid out and established as a common highway until they shall have given the notice hereinafter provided, shall provide draw-tenders for said draw, and other necessary agents, and be subject to the duties and liabilities imposed on said corporation by the third section of chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and thirty-seven; and the expenses and liabilities incurred under this section shall be paid from the county treasury.

SECT. 3. Upon due notice given by said commissioners to the clerk of the towns in which said bridge lies, that said bridge has been reconstructed and is in substantial repair, so that the same is safe and convenient for travel, such towns shall each thenceforth be responsible for the care, maintenance, and repair, of the portion of said bridge lying on its own side of the same and extending to the centre of the draw, and they shall, at their joint expense, provide

draw-tenders for said draw, and other necessary agents; and said towns shall be jointly liable to raise the draw and afford all necessary and proper accommodation to vessels having occasion to pass the same by day or night, and shall keep a sufficient light for vessels at said draw; and if any vessels shall be unreasonably delayed or hindered in passing said draw by the negligence of said towns or their agents in discharging the duties enjoined by this act, the owners or masters of such vessels may receive reasonable damages therefor of said towns in an action of tort before any court proper to try the same.

Draw-tenders and agents to be provided at joint expense.

Accommodations.

Damages for unreasonable detention of vessels.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 4, 1865.

## 1866. — CHAPTER 36.

### AN ACT CONCERNING SEWERS AND DRAINS IN THE CITY OF ROXBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Roxbury may lay, make, and maintain, in said city, all such main drains and common sewers as the city council shall adjudge to be necessary for the public convenience or the public health, and may repair the same from time to time whenever it is necessary; and said city and the citizens thereof shall have the same rights, and be subject to the same liabilities, as if the same had been laid, made, or maintained, under the provisions of chapter forty-eight of the general statutes, except as hereinafter provided.

Aldermen may lay and maintain as council shall adjudge.

SECT. 2. When land is taken by virtue of the preceding section, the city council shall proceed in the manner required by law in taking land for public highways or streets; and persons suffering damage in their property shall have the rights and remedies for the ascertainment and the recovery of the amount of such damage provided by law for the ascertainment and recovery of damages for land taken in said city of Roxbury for public highways or streets.

Proceedings for taking land.

Private damage, assessment, and recovery.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 16, 1866.

[1866, 69.]

## 1866. — CHAPTER 68.

### AN ACT TO CONFIRM AN INDENTURE CONCERNING LANDS AND DRAINAGE IN THE BACK BAY.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. An indenture tripartite, between the commonwealth, the Boston Water-Power Company, and the city of Boston, made and concluded on the thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and approved by the governor and council, relating to the laying out of lands and the drainage thereof, in the Back Bay, is hereby confirmed; and the commissioners on public lands are authorized to make such alterations in the laying out of lands and streets as may conform thereto: *provided*, that no change shall be made by said commissioners in the width of any street on which land has been sold by the commonwealth, without the consent of the parties to whom such land has been sold, or by whom it may be owned at the time such change is made.

Indenture of State, city of Boston, and Water-Power Co., made Dec. 1864, confirmed

Commissioners on public lands may change lines of lands and street. *Provided*.

<sup>1</sup> See Back Bay Agreements, p. 78.

Dartmouth  
street widened  
between certain  
points.

SECT. 2. The street formerly called Dedham street, now called Dartmouth street, is hereby widened forty feet on its westerly side from the point where it connects with Huntington avenue to Beacon street, so that the same shall be one hundred feet in width between the points above named.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 9, 1866.

## 1866. — CHAPTER 69.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ROXBURY TO DIVERT THE WATERS OF SMELT BROOK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

May divert for  
sewerage at any  
point within  
city limits.

SECTION 1. The city of Roxbury, for the purpose of sewerage, may divert the water of Smelt brook, or any portion thereof, from its present course, at any convenient point within the territorial limits of said city, and conduct the same into the common sewers of said city, as now existing or hereafter to be constructed, or may provide a new channel, culvert, or outlet, therefor to tide-water, and to these ends shall have all the rights, and be subject to all the liabilities provided for in an act concerning sewers and drains in the city of Roxbury, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

May authorize  
person or corpo-  
ration to make  
diversion.

SECT. 2. The city of Roxbury may authorize such diversion to be made, under its supervision and control, by any person or persons, corporation or corporations, willing to undertake the same, and to assume and defray the entire cost and expense thereof, and to indemnify said city therefrom, upon such terms and conditions as said city shall deem expedient.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 9, 1866.

[1866, 36.]

## 1866. — CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD A SEA-WALL IN BOSTON HARBOR, NEAR THE FOOT OF POPLAR STREET.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

May build from  
Taylor's wharf,  
via Poplar street  
dock, to Vinal's  
wharf.

Harbor commis-  
sioners to direct.

Rights of per-  
sons; remedy if  
impaired.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to build a sea-wall in Charles river, in the harbor of Boston, commencing the said wall at the north-westerly corner of Taylor's wharf, and extending the same across the end of the dock known as the Poplar street dock, to the south-westerly corner of Vinal's wharf, a distance of about seventy-three feet: *provided*, that the said wall shall be erected under the direction of the harbor commissioners, and shall not be built outside of the commissioners' line established by law; and *provided, further*, that if the building of said wall shall in anywise impair the legal rights of any person, such person suffering damage thereby shall have the rights and remedies for the ascertainment and recovery of the amount of such damage provided by law for the ascertainment and recovery of damages for land taken in said city of Boston for public highways or streets.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 16, 1866.

1866. — CHAPTER 188.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD A BRIDGE  
ACROSS FORT POINT CHANNEL.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

The city of Boston is hereby authorized to build a bridge across Fort Point channel, at the place where Broadway, if continued in a straight line, or nearly a straight line, from South Boston to Boston proper, would cross said channel, and for that purpose may drive piles in said channel, necessary therefor, and also for such draw-piers as may be deemed expedient and proper for the public welfare and its own convenience; and said bridge, so constructed, shall be provided with good and suitable draws, which said city shall open and close at all times for the accommodation of vessels having occasion to pass the same; and the lines of the piles of the structure shall be driven in the direction of the current: *provided, however*, that this structure shall be erected under the direction and supervision of the board of harbor commissioners, and in such manner as in the opinion of said commissioners shall be in accordance with the mode of construction described and recommended in the seventh report of the United States commissioners on Boston harbor, made to the city of Boston in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

May build at point defined and may drive piles in channel.

Shall provide draws in bridge and attend same.

Pile lines.  
Proviso: harbor commissioners to direct structure, as recommended by United States commissioners.

April 25, 1866.

1866. — CHAPTER 212.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN TO FURNISH THE  
TOWNS OF SOMERVILLE AND MALDEN WITH WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Charlestown is hereby authorized to supply the towns of Somerville and Malden with water for the extinguishment of fires and for other uses, and for this purpose may erect and maintain such structures as may be requisite and necessary therefor, and may extend their aqueduct into and through said towns of Somerville and Malden, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between said city and said towns.

May erect and maintain structures and extend works through towns as may be agreed.

SECT. 2. The towns of Somerville and Malden are hereby authorized to purchase a supply of water from said city of Charlestown, agreeably to the provisions aforesaid, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between said city and said towns.

Towns may purchase water. 1861, 105, § 16.

SECT. 3. The work of laying pipes and any other structures necessary to carry water from said city of Charlestown across the Mystic river over the Malden bridge or otherwise, shall be under the direction of the harbor commissioners.

Structure across Mystic river to be directed by harbor commissioners.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 3, 1866.

1866. — CHAPTER 247.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ERECTION OF A SEA-WALL, AND THE FILLING OF CERTAIN FLATS IN CHARLES RIVER, TO ABATE A NUISANCE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized and empowered to build a sea-wall in the Charles river on or within the following described lines: beginning at the point of intersection of

City of Boston may build on lines defined.

<sup>1</sup> Now called Broadway bridge. Broadway was extended from Federal street to Albany street under a resolve and order passed by the city council May 3, 1860. See City Doc. 31, of 1860.

the northerly side of Revere street with the harbor commissioners' line as established in the year eighteen hundred and forty-one, and extending in a straight line south-westerly for a distance of six hundred and twenty-two feet to a point forty feet distant westerly and perpendicular to the said harbor commissioners' line; thence on a concave arc of a circle of fourteen hundred feet radius south-westerly for a distance of eleven hundred and sixty-one feet to a point forty feet distant northerly and perpendicular to the harbor commissioners' line on the northerly side of the mill-dam, established in the year eighteen hundred and forty; and to fill up to a proper grade the enclosed flats between the above described lines and the harbor commissioners' lines herein referred to, in order to abate and prevent a nuisance arising from the discharge and deposit of sewerage matter upon those flats now situated outside the reach of the scouring forces of the current of Charles rivcr. And the city of Boston is hereby authorized to make any contracts with the riparian owners and any other parties as to the building of the sea-wall, the filling of said flats, and the future use thereof when filled, subject to the express condition that the flats filled under the authority hereby granted shall not be used for building purposes or for any other purpose than for ornamental grounds and a street.

**May fill up flats.** in the year eighteen hundred and forty; and to fill up to a proper grade the enclosed flats between the above described lines and the harbor commissioners' lines herein referred to, in order to abate and prevent a nuisance arising from the discharge and deposit of sewerage matter upon those flats now situated outside the reach of the scouring forces of the current of Charles rivcr. And the city of Boston is hereby authorized to make any contracts with the riparian owners and any other parties as to the building of the sea-wall, the filling of said flats, and the future use thereof when filled, subject to the express condition that the flats filled under the authority hereby granted shall not be used for building purposes or for any other purpose than for ornamental grounds and a street.

**May contract with riparian owners. Land made use of restricted.**

**Harbor commissioners to supervise work.** SECT. 2. The building of the sea-wall and the filling up of said flats shall be under the general supervision of the board of harbor commissioners and subject to all the regulations and conditions provided for in the act entitled an act to establish a board of harbor commissioners.

May 19, 1866.

## 1867. — CHAPTER 324.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD A HIGHWAY OVER CERTAIN TIDE-WATERS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

**Board of aldermen may lay out streets between certain wharves. 102 Mass. 19.** SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to lay out a street or streets, over tide-waters, between Lewis, Commercial, Mercantile, City, Long, Central, India, and Rowe's wharves, or either of them: *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed as ceding or yielding any right, title, or interest, the commonwealth may have in any lands or flats which lie within said street or streets, or shall be cut off from the harbor by the same.

**Compensation for displacement of tide-water, how made.**

SECT. 2. Such compensation shall be made for all displacement of tide-water, caused by anything done under this act, as the harbor commissioners shall determine, and be made in the manner required by chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

**Attorney-general shall examine commonwealth's rights, and report.**

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the attorney-general to examine into the right and title of the commonwealth in all lands and flats which would lie within and be cut off from the harbor by the building of such street or streets, and report his opinion thereupon to the next legislature.

June 1, 1867.

1867. — CHAPTER 343.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ROXBURY TO PROCURE A SUPPLY OF WATER.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Roxbury is hereby authorized to contract with either the city of Boston or the city of Charlestown for a supply of water, and to take, by purchase or otherwise, and hold, such land, real estate, or water rights, and erect and maintain such works and structures as may be necessary for the introduction of water either from said city of Boston or from said city of Charlestown, or from any pond or other sources of supply within the limits of the county of Norfolk, except Jamaica pond, and the distribution thereof in said city of Roxbury.

May take water from any sources of supply within county of Norfolk, except Jamaica pond.

SECT. 2. For the purposes of distribution, said city of Roxbury may lay down pipes to any house or building in said city, the owner or owners thereof having notice and not objecting thereto, and may make and establish public hydrants in such places as may, from time to time, be deemed proper, and prescribe the purposes for which they may be used, and may change or discontinue the same; may regulate the use of the water within and without the said city, and establish the prices of rents to be paid for the use thereof. And the said city may, for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct any aqueducts or other works by them to be made and constructed, over or under any water-course, or any street, turnpike road, highway or other way, in such manner as not to obstruct or impede travel thereon, or the free flow of the water therein; and may enter upon and dig up any such land, street, road, or way, as may be necessary for the purposes of laying down said aqueducts or other works, and for maintaining or repairing the same.

May lay pipes, with hydrants, and regulate the use of water.

SECT. 18. If within three years from the passage of this act the territory of the city of Roxbury shall be annexed to and made a part of the city of Boston, then the city of Boston shall succeed to all the rights and privileges hereby granted to the city of Roxbury.

City of Boston to succeed to right of Roxbury if annexed within three years.

SECT. 19. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 1, 1867.

1867. — CHAPTER 359.

AN ACT TO UNITE THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND ROXBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. All that territory now comprised within the limits of the city of Roxbury, in the county of Norfolk, with the inhabitants and estates therein, is hereby annexed to and made part of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Suffolk, subject to the same municipal regulations, obligations, and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities in all respects, as the said city of Boston: *provided, however*, that until constitutionally and legally changed, said territory shall continue to be, for the purpose of electing members of the house of representatives, part of the county of Norfolk, constituting the third and fourth representative districts thereof; for the purpose of electing a senator, part of the first Norfolk senatorial district; for the purpose of electing a councillor, part of council district number three, and for

Roxbury annexed to Boston and made part of Suffolk county.

Provision for civil elections shall continue as now until changed.

<sup>1</sup> By annexation (St. 1867, c. 359) Boston succeeded to all the rights, duties, and privileges, of Roxbury, and the sections omitted were thereby superseded.

the purpose of electing a representative in Congress, part of congressional district number three, as the same are now constituted.

Duties pertaining to elections transferred to Boston.

All the duties now required by law to be performed by the mayor and aldermen and city clerk, of the city of Roxbury, or either of them, pertaining to the election of representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, and members of the house of representatives, shall in like manner devolve upon, and be performed by the board of aldermen and city clerk of the city of Boston.

Duties of ward officers in new wards erected.

It shall be the duty of the ward officers of the several wards, that shall be erected out of said territory as hereinafter provided, to make return of all votes that may be cast therein, from time to time, for representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, members of the house of representatives, and for all other national, state, district, county, municipal, and ward officers, to the city clerk of the city of Boston.

Public property of city, and municipal rights, liabilities, and functions, to vest in Boston.

SECT. 2. All the public property of the said city of Roxbury shall be vested in and is hereby declared to be the property of the city of Boston; and said city of Boston shall succeed to all the rights, claims, causes of action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts, duties, privileges, and immunities, of said city of Roxbury. The city treasurer of the city of Roxbury shall, on or before the second Monday in January, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, under the direction of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Roxbury, who shall, for this purpose, and for all other purposes necessary to carry into full effect the provisions of this act, continue to hold their offices over, transfer, deliver, pay over, and account for, to the city treasurer of the city of Boston, all books, papers, moneys, and other property in his possession as city treasurer of said city of Roxbury, when this act shall take effect; and the city of Boston shall become liable for and subject to all the debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and liabilities, of said city of Roxbury. All actions and causes of action which may be pending, or which shall have accrued at the time this act shall take effect, in behalf of or against the city of Roxbury, shall survive and may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution, in behalf of or against the city of Boston.

Treasurer of Roxbury to deliver over books, papers, and property.

Mayor and aldermen to hold over for same and for certain other acts.

Boston shall assume liabilities.

Pending actions and causes.

Jurisdiction of courts in Suffolk and Norfolk counties.

SECT. 3. The several courts within the county of Suffolk, after this act shall take effect, shall have the same jurisdiction over all causes of action and proceedings in civil causes, and over all matters in probate and insolvency, which shall have accrued within said territory hereby annexed, that said courts now have over like actions, proceedings and matters within the county of Suffolk: *provided, however*, that the several courts within the county of Norfolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of all actions, proceedings, and matters, that shall have been rightfully commenced in said courts prior to the time when this act shall take effect; and the supreme judicial court and the superior court within the county of Suffolk, after this act shall take effect, shall have the same jurisdiction of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, that shall have been committed within the said territory, that the supreme judicial court and superior court within the county of Norfolk now have jurisdiction of: *provided*, proceedings shall not have been already commenced in any of the courts within the county of Norfolk, for the prosecution of said crimes, offences, and misdemeanors; in which case the said courts within the county of Norfolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of the same for the full, complete, and final, disposition thereof. All suits, actions, proceedings, complaints, and prosecutions, and all matters of probate and insolvency, which shall be pending within said territory, before any court or justice of the peace, when this act shall take effect, shall be heard and determined as though this act had not passed.

Proviso.

Proviso.

SECT. 4. Said territory shall continue a judicial district under the jurisdiction of the police court of the city of Roxbury, which shall continue to exist, and shall hereafter be designated and known by the name of the municipal court for the southern district of the city of Boston. Said court shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction in said district and the same civil jurisdiction in the county of Suffolk as the police courts, other than that of the city of Boston, have by law in their respective districts and counties.

Police court of Roxbury to be municipal court southern district of Boston.

Jurisdiction defined.

Appeals shall be allowed from all judgments of said court, in like manner and to the same courts that appeals are now allowed from the judgments of the municipal court of the city of Boston. All acts and duties (if any), now incumbent upon the city council of the city of Roxbury, or either branch thereof, relating to the said court of the city of Roxbury, shall hereafter devolve upon and be performed by the city council of the city of Boston. All fines and forfeitures, and all costs in criminal prosecutions in said court, and all fees and charges received in said court in civil proceedings, shall be accounted for and paid over, in the same manner as is now provided for the municipal court within the city of Boston.

Appeals.

Municipal duties as to court.

Fines in and fees of court.

SECT. 5. The city council of the city of Boston shall, as soon as may be after the fifth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, divide the said territory into three wards, one of which shall comprise the same territory now comprised in said fourth representative district, and the other two shall be so constituted as to contain as nearly as practicable an equal number of legal voters; and the wards thus established shall so remain until the alteration of the ward limits of said city of Boston provided by law. And the clerks of the said wards shall for the purposes mentioned in section eleven of the eighth chapter of the general statutes of this commonwealth assemble at such places as are or shall be required by law. And the board of aldermen are hereby authorized to designate such places, whenever such designation shall by law become necessary or proper, and said board shall succeed to all the powers and duties in reference to the same which are now vested in the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk. And each of the wards so established shall be entitled to all the municipal and ward officers which each of the other wards of said city of Boston is entitled to. And the board of aldermen of said city of Boston shall, in due season, issue their warrants for meetings of the legal voters of said wards respectively, to be held on the second Monday of December in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, at some place within said wards respectively, which shall be designated in said warrants, there first to choose a warden, clerk, and five inspectors of elections for each of said wards, who shall hold their offices until the first Monday of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead; second, to give in their ballots for the several municipal and ward officers for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, for which they shall be entitled to vote by virtue of the provisions of this act.

City council of Boston shall divide annexed territory into wards.

Clerks of wards, where to assemble.

Aldermen to designate, and have powers now vested in county commissioners.

Shall issue warrants for election of officers.

Tenure of officers chosen.

The voters of each said wards shall designate, by their ballots cast at said meetings, the term of service for which each of the six school committee men, who shall be chosen in each of said wards, shall serve, so that two of the number chosen in each ward shall serve for three years, two for two years, and two for one year. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall prepare lists of all the legal voters in said wards respectively, to be used at said meetings, and shall do all other things which they are now by law required to do in respect to like elections in the other wards in the city of Boston; and at said meetings, any legal voter of said wards respectively

School committee voters shall designate terms.

Lists of voters to be prepared.

Ward meetings, how organized, *pro tempore*.



may call the citizens to order, and preside until a warden shall have been chosen and qualified.

Ward officers shall be sworn.  
Residence of voters to be valid in Boston for election of 1867.

All ward officers whose election is provided for in this section shall be qualified according to law. The citizens of the territory by this act annexed to the city of Boston, shall have the same right to vote for municipal officers, at the annual municipal election of the city of Boston, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, as they would have had if said territory had formed part of the city of Boston for more than six months next before said election.

Repeal of law for election in city of Roxbury in December, 1867.

SECT. 6. All provisions of law requiring an election of municipal and ward officers for said city of Roxbury on the second Monday of December in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, for the municipal year then next ensuing are hereby repealed.

Aldermen and councilmen of Boston, numbers of, after 1867.  
Wards.

SECT. 7. After the present municipal year the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall consist of twelve members, and the common council of the city of Boston shall consist of sixty members. The number of wards of said city, including the wards to be formed out of the territory hereby annexed, shall be fifteen.

Police officers and watchmen of Roxbury to continue as of Boston.

SECT. 8. The several police officers and watchmen that may be in office in the city of Roxbury when this act shall take effect, shall thereafter continue in the discharge of their respective duties, in the same manner as if they were police officers and watchmen in the city of Boston, until others shall be appointed in their stead.

Interest of Roxbury in county property to be released.  
Balance of indebtedness to county, Boston to pay.

SECT. 9. All the interest which the city of Roxbury now has in the public property of the county of Norfolk, is hereby released and acquitted to said county of Norfolk. Such proportion of the debts and obligations of the county of Norfolk, existing when this act shall take full effect, over and above the value of all the property belonging to said county as should proportionally and equitably be paid by the inhabitants and property owners of the territory by this act annexed to the city of Boston, shall be paid by said city of Boston to said county of Norfolk; and the supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity to determine the amount of such proportion (if any), and enforce the payment of the same upon a suit in equity, in the name of said county, to be brought therefor within six months after this act shall go into full operation, by the county commissioners of said county of Norfolk, if they shall deem such suit for the interest of said county; but no such suit shall be instituted after said six months.

Supreme judicial court to have equity jurisdiction over, in case of suit.

Act not to impair contracts.

Nothing contained in this act shall impair the obligation of contracts; and the property and inhabitants of the territory by this act annexed to the city of Boston shall continue liable to the existing creditors of the county of Norfolk, in like manner as if this act had not been passed: *provided*, that if any person, by reason of his being an inhabitant of, or owning property in, said territory, shall be compelled to pay any part of an existing debt or obligation of the county of Norfolk, the amount of such payment shall constitute a debt to him from said county as hereafter to be constituted, exclusive of said territory, and may be recovered in like manner as other debts against the county of Norfolk.

Proviso: person required to pay towards present debt of county may recover same.

Act not to take full effect unless accepted by voters of said cities.

SECT. 10. This act shall not take full effect, unless accepted by a majority of the legal voters of each of said cities, present and voting thereon by ballot, at meetings which shall be held in the several wards of said cities, respectively, upon notice duly given, at least seven days before the time of said meeting.<sup>1</sup> Meetings for that purpose shall be held simultaneously in said city on the second Monday of September next. And the polls shall be opened at nine o'clock

Meetings for purpose.

Polls.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted by the voters of the two cities, Sept. 9, 1867.

in the forenoon of said day, and shall be closed at six o'clock in the afternoon.

In case of the absence of any ward officer, at any ward meeting, held in either city for the purpose aforesaid, a like officer may be chosen *pro tempore*, by hand vote, and shall be duly qualified and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of the regular officer, at said meetings. Said ballots shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall an act passed by the legislature of the commonwealth in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled 'an act to unite the cities of Boston and Roxbury,' be accepted?" Such meeting shall be called, notified, and warned, by the mayor and aldermen of the city of Roxbury, and the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, respectively, in the same manner in which meetings for the election of municipal officers in said cities, respectively, are called, notified, and warned. The ballots given in shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in the wards in which they are given, in open ward meeting, and shall also be registered in the ward records. The clerk of each ward in the city of Boston shall make return of all ballots given in, in his ward, and the number of ballots in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots against said acceptance, to the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, and like returns by the clerks of the several wards in the city of Roxbury shall be made to the mayor and aldermen of the city of Roxbury. All of said returns shall be made within forty-eight hours of the close of the polls.

It shall be the duty of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, and of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Roxbury, respectively, to certify and return as soon as may be the ballots cast in their respective cities, and the number of ballots in favor of the acceptance of this act and the number of ballots against said acceptance, in their respective cities, to the secretary of the commonwealth. And if it shall appear that a majority of the votes in each of said cities is in favor of the acceptance of this act, the said secretary shall immediately issue and publish his certificate declaring this act to have been duly accepted.

SECT. 11. So much of this act as authorizes and directs the submission of the question of acceptance of this act to the legal voters of said cities, respectively, provided for in the tenth section of this act, shall take effect upon its passage.

SECT. 12. If this act shall be accepted as herein provided, it shall take effect on the fifth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, so far as to authorize, legalize, and carry into effect, the acts and provisions of the fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of this act; but for all other purposes (except as mentioned in section eleven of this act), it shall take effect on the first Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

SECT. 13. If any election or balloting upon the question of the acceptance of this act, by either of said cities, shall within two months thereafter be declared void by the supreme judicial court, upon summary proceedings, which may be had in any county on the petition of fifty voters of either city, the question of accepting said act shall be again submitted to the legal voters of said city, and meetings therefor shall within thirty days thereafter be called, held, and conducted, and the votes returned and other proceedings had thereon, in like manner as herein before provided. But no election or balloting shall be held void for informality, in calling, holding, or conducting, the election, or returning the votes, or otherwise, except upon proceedings instituted therefor and determined within sixty days thereafter, as aforesaid.

Ward officers  
*pro tempore*  
may be chosen.

Ballots.

Meetings respec-  
tively, how  
warned.

Voting to be  
made of record.

Clerks of wards  
shall return  
votes in Boston  
to aldermen and  
in Roxbury to  
mayor and alder-  
men.

Time.

Said boards  
shall certify to  
secretary of  
commonwealth.

Act being ac-  
cepted, secre-  
tary so to certify  
and publish.

Act may be sub-  
mitted to voters  
upon passage.

If accepted by  
voters, when to  
be in force.

Proceeding in  
case supreme  
judicial court  
declare balloting  
void.

## 1868. — CHAPTER 68.

## AN ACT RELATING TO A PUBLIC CEMETERY IN THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*Commissioners  
of cemetery.

SECTION 1. The town of Dorchester is hereby authorized to elect by ballot, at a town meeting duly called, a board of five commissioners, who shall have the sole care, superintendence, and management, of the cemetery situated in said town, between Adams street and Neponset river, one member of which board shall be elected for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; said terms to expire with the end of the municipal or official year. Said board may be organized by the choice of a chairman and clerk from their number, and a major part of the board shall be a quorum for the exercise of the powers of said office. In case of a vacancy occurring in the board, by death, non-acceptance, disability, resignation, or removal, during any municipal or official year, the remaining members shall notify the board of selectmen of Dorchester, in writing, thereof, and of the time and place appointed for a meeting of the two boards for the purpose of filling such vacancy, at least two weeks before the time appointed for said meeting; and, in pursuance of such notice, said two boards shall proceed to fill such vacancy until the end of the then current or official year, by electing, upon joint ballot, a suitable person thereto; and at each successive annual election of town officers after the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, said town shall elect by ballot, a suitable person or persons to serve on said board for the remainder of any unexpired term or terms, and for such full term of five years as shall expire before the next annual election.

Board, how  
elected and  
organized.Vacancies, how  
filled.Portion of ceme-  
tery to be set  
apart for public  
burial.Commissioners  
may make rules  
and regulations.

SECT. 2. Said board of commissioners shall set apart a portion of said cemetery, as a public burial place for the use of the inhabitants of the town of Dorchester, free of charge therefor; and they may lay out said cemetery in suitable lots or other subdivisions, with necessary paths and avenues; may plant, embellish, and ornament, the same; may enclose and divide the same with proper fences, and erect such suitable edifices, appendages, and conveniences, as they shall, from time to time, deem convenient; and may make all such by-laws, rules, and regulations, in the execution of their trust, not inconsistent with the laws of the commonwealth, as they may deem expedient.

May convey, by  
deed, rights of  
burial and of  
erecting tombs,  
etc.

SECT. 3. Said board of commissioners shall have authority to grant and convey to any person, by deed executed in such manner and form as they may prescribe, the sole and exclusive right of burial, and of erecting tombs, cenotaphs and other monuments, upon such terms and conditions as they shall by rules and regulations prescribe.

Proceeds of sales  
to be used for  
improvement of  
cemetery.

SECT. 4. The proceeds of sales of lots or rights of burial in said cemetery shall be paid into the town treasury of Dorchester, to be kept separate from its other funds, and be devoted to the improvement and embellishment of the cemetery as aforesaid, subject to the order of the board of commissioners.

Commissioners  
may hold in  
trust property  
for embellish-  
ment of ceme-  
tery.

SECT. 5. Said commissioners are authorized to take and hold any appropriation, grant, donation, or bequest, upon trust, to apply the same, or the income thereof, for the improvement or embellishment of said cemetery, or for the erection, repair, preservation, or renewal, of any monument, fence, or other erection therein, or for the care, improvement, or embellishment, of any lot, or its appurtenances, in

any manner or form consistent with the purposes for which said cemetery is established, according to the terms of such appropriation, grant, donation, or bequest; and may by an agreement or obligation, bind themselves and their successors so to apply the same.

SECT. 6. Any sums of money so received by said commissioners, shall be invested by the town treasurer of Dorchester, under the direction of said commissioners, and all the same, and all property so received, shall ever be kept separate from any other moneys or property belonging to said town, and the income of the same shall be received by its treasurer, be subject to the order of said commissioners, and be appropriated by them in such manner as shall, in their opinion, best promote the purposes for which such appropriation, grant, donation, or bequest, is made; and the town shall be responsible for the good faith of its treasurer and of said commissioners.

*Trust funds, etc., how to be invested and appropriated.*

SECT. 7. Said commissioners shall not incur debts or liabilities for purposes other than as aforesaid, nor to an amount exceeding the amount of the funds subject to their order as aforesaid; and they shall annually, in the month of February,<sup>1</sup> make and render a report in writing of all their acts and doings, of the condition of said cemetery, an account of their receipts and expenditures for the same, and of the funds subject to their order.

*Limitation of indebtedness.*

*Commissioners to make annual report.*

SECT. 8. The lands purchased and set apart, and the lands which may be hereafter purchased and set apart, by the town of Dorchester, for the purpose of said cemetery, shall be exempt from all public taxes so long as the same shall be dedicated for such purpose.

*Cemetery lands to be exempt from taxes.*

SECT. 9. This act shall be void unless accepted by vote of said town, at a meeting duly called, within four months from its passage.

*Act void unless accepted by town.*

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 16, 1868.

[1874, 89.]

## 1868. — CHAPTER 97.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ALBANY-STREET FREIGHT RAILWAY COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Jarvis Williams, Adams Ayer, and Amos B. Merrill, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Albany Street Freight Railway Company; with all the privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, set forth in all general laws which now are or may hereafter be in force relating to street railway corporations, so far as they may be applicable.

*Albany Street Railway Co. in Boston.*

SECT. 2. Said corporation, in such manner as may be prescribed and directed by the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, may construct, maintain, and use, a street railway with suitable turnouts and with such tracks and branch tracks as the board of aldermen may from time to time permit; the rails for said tracks to be of such pattern as the board of aldermen may prescribe, and to be also suitable for railway street cars in common use; commencing at the city stables on Albany street in Boston; thence through Albany and Lehigh streets to a connection with the tracks of the Boston and Albany railroad; and may also continue their tracks on Lehigh and South streets to a connection with the tracks of the Old Colony and

*Tracks to be laid under direction of aldermen.*

*From Albany street to connect with the Boston and Albany railroad and Old Colony and Newport railroad.*

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1874, c. 89, changed to May.  
<sup>2</sup> Accepted April 6, 1868.

Newport railway; and said corporation may also extend their tracks from the city stables southward upon Albany street to such distance as the board of aldermen may from time to time permit; but said corporation shall have no power to connect with or run over the tracks of any street railway company other than the Marginal Freight Railway Company.

To be used to transport freight only.

SECT. 3. Said railway shall be used by said corporation for the transportation of freight only, and the cars thereon shall be drawn by horse-power only, unless the use of other motive power shall be sanctioned by said board of aldermen; and said corporation shall have power to fix such tolls for the transportation of freight as they may from time to time deem expedient: *provided*, that such tolls shall only be sufficient to pay the expenses of said corporation and to pay a dividend of five per cent., semi-annually upon the capital stock of said corporation and to pay a dividend of five per cent., semi-annually, upon the capital stock of said corporation.

Tolls.

Previo.

May unite with other railway corporations.

SECT. 4. Said corporation, to carry into effect the purposes of this act, may unite with any railway corporation on such terms as may be mutually agreed, and for this purpose shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in the sixty-third chapter of the general statutes, and the laws supplemental thereto, so far as the same may be applicable.

Repairing and paving streets.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall keep in repair, to the satisfaction of the superintendent of streets of the city of Boston, all the paving between their rails and three feet outside thereof on each side, and the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall have full power to regulate the time and manner of running cars on said railway.

Capital stock.

SECT. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars.

When to take effect.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect as soon as it shall be accepted by the board of aldermen of the city of Boston.

April 1, 1868.

## 1868. — CHAPTER 183.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

\$300,000 additional personal estate.

The Overseers of the Poor in the city of Boston, a corporation duly established by law, are hereby authorized to hold personal estate not exceeding the amount of three hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amount authorized by an act passed on the twenty-fifth day of April, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "an act for incorporating the Overseers of the Poor in the town of Boston;" and the Overseers of the Poor in the city of Boston, acting by virtue of the sixth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and three, entitled "an act to incorporate Oliver Wendell and others, together with the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Boston for the time being, by the name and title of 'The Trustees of John Boylston's Charitable Donations for the Benefit and Support of Aged Poor Persons, and of Orphans and Deserted Children,'" are further authorized to hold personal estate not exceeding the value of one hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amount authorized by said last named act.

1802, 44.

Trustees of John Boylston's donations may hold \$100,000 additional personal estate.

May 8, 1868.

[1772, 3; 1802, 44; 1864, 128.]

Accepted by board of aldermen, April 27, 1868.

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1868. — CHAPTER 201.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BLASTING OF ROCKS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. No person shall blast any rock or other substance with gunpowder or other material, within one hundred yards of any public place or highway in the city of Boston, without license from the board of aldermen or some person designated by them in writing, specifying the terms and conditions on which such license is granted: *provided, however,* that the remedy of any person injured by the blasting of rocks shall not be affected by this act, nor shall it be considered as applying to the surveyors of highways in the discharge of their official duties.

Blasting rocks, etc., prohibited in Boston, without license from aldermen.

Remedy of persons injured, etc.

SECT. 2. Any person who shall, either by himself, his servant or agent, or by any person in his employ, violate any of the terms or conditions upon which the license as aforesaid shall be granted, shall forfeit and pay, for each and every offence, a sum not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

Penalty.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 14, 1868.

1868. — CHAPTER 223.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF WEST ROXBURY TO IMPROVE STONY BROOK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury, for the purpose of sewerage, may remove obstructions in or over Stony brook and the tributaries thereof, so far as the said brook and tributaries flow within the limits of said city and town respectively; may divert the water and alter the course and deepen the channel thereof; and, the more effectually to make the said improvements, may take or purchase land not exceeding four rods in width, on either side of the present channel of said brook and of its tributaries, or of any channel into which said waters may be diverted, within the limits of said city and town respectively. Said city or town, as the case may be, shall, within sixty days from the time they shall take any of said lands, file in the office of the registry of deeds for the county in which said lands are situate, a description of the land so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, and a statement that the same are taken pursuant to the provisions of this act; which said statement shall be signed by the mayor of said city or the selectmen of said town, as the case may be, and the title to all land so taken shall vest in said city or said town, as the case may be.

Boston and West Roxbury may remove obstructions from Stony brook.

May divert the water, alter channel, etc.  
May take or purchase land.

To file description of lands taken.  
120 Mass. 596.

Statement to be signed by mayor or selectmen.

SECT. 2. Any person injured in his property by any of the acts done by said city or town under the first section of this act, shall, upon application to the mayor and aldermen of said city, or the selectmen of said town, according as said property is situate in said city or town, have compensation therefor, the amount thereof to be determined by said mayor and aldermen, or said selectmen. And said mayor and aldermen, or said selectmen, as the case may be, shall finally adjudicate upon the question of damages, within thirty days after the filing of said application, unless the parties agree in writing to extend the time. In case damages are awarded, payment shall be made forthwith by said city or town, as the case may be.

Compensation for damages.

Persons ag-  
grieved may  
apply for jury.

Costs, by whom  
to be paid.

Expense of  
improvement,  
how and by  
whom to be  
paid.

Assessments to  
be lien upon  
real estate for  
one year.

Estates may be  
sold as for non-  
payment of  
taxes.

Assessments  
may be appor-  
tioned into three  
parts, to be paid  
in three years.

Person ag-  
grieved by as-  
sessment may  
apply for a jury.

Costs.

Stony brook to  
be under con-  
trol of Boston  
and West Rox-  
bury.  
Proviso.

Streams not to  
be obstructed.

SECT. 3. If the applicant is aggrieved, either by the estimate of his damages, or by a refusal or neglect within thirty days to estimate the same, he may, within three months from the expiration of said thirty days, or of the extended time, as provided in the second section, apply for a jury, and have his damages assessed in the manner provided when land is taken in laying out highways. If the damages are increased by the jury, the damages and costs shall be paid by the city or town, as the case may be; otherwise, the costs arising on such application shall be paid by the applicant.

SECT. 4. All the expenses of improving said brook and its tributaries, authorized by this act, including all damages paid under the preceding sections, shall be paid by said city or town, according as they may be incurred within their respective limits. But the mayor and aldermen of said city, and the selectmen of said town, may assess upon the estates within their respective limits, bordering upon said brook and its tributaries, a part of the expenses incurred respectively by them, not exceeding, however, one-half thereof, and not exceeding the amount of the benefit in proportion to the benefit which they may adjudge said estates to have sustained by said improvements.

SECT. 5. All assessments made under the fourth section of this act shall constitute a lien on the real estate assessed for one year after they are laid, and may, together with all incidental costs and expenses, be levied by sale thereof (except as provided in the sixth section of this act), if the assessment is not paid within three months after a written demand of payment, made either upon the person assessed, or upon any person then occupying the estate, or posted upon the premises; such sale to be conducted in like manner as sales for the non-payment of taxes.

SECT. 6. If the owner of any estate, assessed as provided in the fifth section, desires to have the amount of said assessment apportioned, he shall give notice thereof in writing to the board of aldermen, or to the selectmen, as the case may be, at any time before a demand is made upon him for the payment thereof; and said board of aldermen, or selectmen, shall thereupon apportion the said amount into three equal parts, which apportionment shall be certified to the assessors, and the said assessors shall add one of said equal parts to the annual tax of said estate each year for the three years next ensuing.

SECT. 7. Any person aggrieved by the assessment under the fourth section of this act may, within three months after a written demand for payment, as provided in the fifth section of this act, petition for a jury or committee in the same manner as appeals are made when land is taken in laying out highways. If the assessment is not confirmed by the jury, the costs of the application shall be paid by the city or town, as the case may be; otherwise the same shall be paid by the applicant.

SECT. 8.<sup>1</sup> [When the improvements authorized by this act shall have been completed, that part of Stony brook and its tributaries flowing within said city and town, shall be and remain under the control of said city and town respectively: *provided, however*, that the city of Boston shall neither cause nor permit any obstructions to the flow of the waters from said town of West Roxbury.]

SECT. 9. This act shall not be construed to authorize the said city or town to restrain or dam up any of the streams now flowing into Stony brook or into the tributaries thereof.

May 19, 1868.

[1870, 220; 1871, 340; 1874, 196.]

<sup>1</sup> Repealed by St. 1871, c. 340, § 1.

1868. — CHAPTER 291.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MILL-DAM ROAD, AND THE ROADS CONNECTED THEREWITH BELONGING TO THE COMMONWEALTH.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston and the towns of Brookline, Brighton, and Watertown, are hereby authorized, within one year from the passage of this act, to lay out and accept as highways, so much of the Mill-dam road and the roads and bridges heretofore connected therewith in toll franchise, excepting the road known as the Cross-dam, as lies within the respective limits of the said city and towns; the said road being the same which was conveyed to the said commonwealth by the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation by indenture dated the ninth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and also by indenture dated the thirtieth day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six. The said highways and the said Watertown turnpike may be laid out of the same width as they were originally laid out; and the said towns and city shall not be liable in so doing for any land damages to any owner or abutter on said ways or turnpike; and upon such laying out and acceptance of the same, all tolls thereon shall be discontinued, and the property of the commonwealth therein, excepting said cross-dam, shall become vested, severally, in the city and towns aforesaid.

Mill-dam road to be laid out as a highway.

Watertown turnpike.

Tolls to be discontinued.

SECT. 2. Upon such laying out and acceptance of said roads and bridges as aforesaid, the said city and towns shall severally be liable for damages which may be incurred by reason of any defect in the same, within their respective limits, in the same manner, and to the same extent, as cities and towns are now liable, by law, for defects in town ways; and the town of Watertown shall also assume the charge and maintenance of that portion of the Watertown turnpike lying within the territory heretofore ceded to the United States, and shall be liable, in the same manner, and to the same extent aforesaid, for any defects therein, except as far as they may be controlled or prevented by the authority of the United States; and the bridge over Charles river shall be maintained with a sufficient draw therein for the convenient passage of vessels, and a suitable draw-tender be provided therefor, by and at the expense of said towns of Watertown and Brighton.

Towns to be liable for damages for defects in road.

Watertown to maintain portion of turnpike.

Bridge over Charles river maintained by Watertown and Brighton.

SECT. 3. Whenever the governor shall be satisfied that the aforesaid roads and bridges have been laid out and accepted as town ways or highways as aforesaid, there shall be paid to the towns of Watertown, Brighton, and Brookline, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be divided as follows, to wit: to the town of Watertown, twenty thousand dollars; to the town of Brighton, fifteen thousand dollars; to the town of Brookline, fifteen thousand dollars.

Upon acceptance as highways, \$50,000 to be divided among towns.

If the amount of tolls paid into the treasury of the commonwealth under the provisions of the second section of chapter two hundred and one of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, shall not amount to the sum of fifty thousand dollars at the time said roads and bridges are laid out and accepted by said towns as aforesaid, then the full amount of the tolls so paid into the treasury shall be paid to said towns, in the proportion aforesaid; and the tolls so received into the treasury from said roads, not exceeding the amount of fifty thousand dollars, are hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid.

If tolls do not amount to \$50,000, amount received to be paid over.

SECT. 4. If the city of Boston shall not lay out and accept the

If Boston does not accept road

<sup>1</sup> See Back Bay Agreements, pp. 37, 63.



within one year,  
etc., to be high-  
way as though  
laid out by city.

portion of said road within its limits, excepting said cross-dam, within one year from the passage of this act, or within six months after the towns of Watertown, Brighton, and Brookline, have laid out and accepted the portions within their respective limits, then said roads so lying and being within the limits of the city of Boston, shall be and become a public highway to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and the said city shall be liable therefor in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same had been laid out and accepted by said city, according to the provisions of the first section of this act.

Right of rail-  
roads not to be  
affected.

SECT. 5. Nothing in this act contained shall affect the rights or duties of any railroad corporation having tracks upon said road: but the town ways and highways which may be located under the provisions hereof, may cross such railroad tracks at grade, wherever grade crossings now exist thereon.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 4, 1868.

### 1868. — CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE POOR'S FUND IN THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

1825, 40, § 3,  
amended.

Chapter forty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and twenty-five is hereby amended by striking out from the third section of said chapter, the words "*provided, however,* that the annual income of said fund shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars."

June 4, 1868.

### 1868. — CHAPTER 326.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HARBOR OF BOSTON AND THE COMMONWEALTH'S FLATS THEREIN."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Harbor commis-  
sioners may con-  
tract for site to  
fill flats in Bos-  
ton harbor.

SECTION 1. The harbor commissioners are hereby authorized to contract in the name of the commonwealth with any person or persons, or with the city of Boston, for the filling of any portion of the lands or flats in Boston harbor which lie northerly of South Boston and easterly of Fort Point channel, and within the exterior line laid down on the plan for the occupation of the flats owned by the commonwealth in Boston harbor, approved by the legislature in the eighty-first chapter of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and for building wharves, docks, sea-walls, basins, streets, bridges, or sewers, and for dredging or doing any work upon or in relation to said flats, and to pay for the same by conveyances of any portion of said flats, or the granting of any rights or privileges therein, and for laying out and building streets and sewers to and over said flats or any part thereof, reserving and laying out channels; and they may authorize any corporations or persons to lay and use railroad tracks over any parts of said flats, for the purpose of transporting materials for filling up the said flats, and of any other work in relation thereto, and shall have full power to determine and settle, by agreement, arbitration, or process of law, the relative rights and interests of the commonwealth and all other parties in and to and over said flats and any parts thereof; and said commissioners shall have power to enter into any contracts in regard to the occupation and improvement of said flats which said commissioners think best: *provided*, that every conveyance made and the terms thereof, every contract entered into, every authority given for laying railroad tracks

— may allow  
railroad tracks  
to be laid, etc.

— may settle by  
arbitration con-  
flicting rights.

— may make  
contracts in re-  
gard to occupa-  
tion, etc.

Proviso.

and otherwise, every plan for the occupation of said flats, and building docks, sea-walls, basins, wharves, streets, and sewers, thereon, adopted by said commissioners, shall be submitted to the governor and council, and shall not be binding on the commonwealth, and shall not have any force or effect, until the same have been approved by the governor and council.

SECT. 2 Said commissioners may make any contract which they think judicious, with any of the riparian owners in South Boston, and with the Boston Wharf Company, for the purchase or exchange of lands or flats, and they shall have full authority to release, for money or other valuable consideration, upon such terms and conditions as they shall deem fit, and convey by deed, with warranty or otherwise, to be duly executed by them in behalf of the commonwealth, the right, title, and interest, of the commonwealth in the whole or any part of said lands or flats; but all sales of lands or flats, unless otherwise ordered by the governor and council, shall be by public auction, and the manner, terms, and conditions, of such sales shall be prescribed by the governor and council.

SECT. 3. The sea-wall authorized to be erected under chapter three hundred and fifty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven may be commenced at any point on Fort Point channel considered expedient by the commissioners, and shall be built on the exterior line laid down on the plan designated in said act, as subsequently modified, or within said line at a distance not exceeding fifty feet therefrom. Said wall may be constructed with openings in the same, filled with sheet pilings or otherwise, between such points as said board shall determine. And said commissioners may erect a suitable temporary bulkhead of wood to retain the dredged material, previous to the construction of said wall, at such a distance in the rear thereof as will not interfere with the construction of said wall and the docks and wharves connected therewith. And the commissioners may use the unexpended balance of the appropriation made in the act aforesaid for these purposes.

Sea-wall, where and how to be built.  
1867, 354.

Temporary bulkhead may be erected.

SECT. 4. All contracts for filling section one, as shown upon plan number one, dated the twelfth day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, annexed to the report of the committee on the commonwealth flats, near South Boston, appointed under chapter ninety-three of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall require the whole of that portion of the upper harbor of Boston, colored red upon plan number two, annexed to said report, to be dredged, as nearly as practicable, to the depth of twenty-three feet below mean low-water thereon, and the materials thus obtained to be used in filling said section one. And all contracts for filling sections two and three, as shown upon said plan number one, shall require a portion of said upper harbor to be dredged in the same manner and to the same depth as aforesaid, and the materials thus obtained to be used in filling said sections two and three; and the number of cubic yards of material so required to be dredged and used in filling said sections two and three, respectively, shall bear the same proportion to the respective areas of said sections two and three that the number of cubic yards herein required to be dredged from said locality, colored red, shall bear to the area of said section one. All said contracts for filling said sections shall require the additional materials therefor to be dredged from the reserve channel, as shown upon said plan number two, and also from such other parts of the harbor or taken from such other sources as said commissioners may deem expedient. And the dredging so done in said upper harbor shall be full compensation for the tide-water displaced by the work authorized under this act: *provided, provided,*

Contracts for filling section one, etc.

Contracts for filling sections two and three.

Dredging, etc.

Provided.

**Harbor combles  
stoners may  
make contracts  
with riparian  
owners for ex-  
change, etc., of  
flats.**

Sea-wall, where  
and how to be  
built.  
1867, 354.

**Temporary bulkhead may be erected.**

**Contracts for filling section one, etc.**

**Contracts for filling sections two and three.**

**Dredging, etc.**

however, it shall appear from hydrographical and physical surveys that injury to the harbor has resulted from the work herein authorized, then such injury shall be repaired, by dredging or otherwise, in such manner and to such an extent as the legislature shall hereafter determine.

Proceeds of sales to be paid into treasury and applied to sinking-fund.

SECT. 5. All money received from the sale of lands and flats or otherwise, under this act, shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth, and shall be applied to the sinking-fund as provided for by section three of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

Eastern avenue, with bridge over Fort Point channel, to be public street.

SECT. 6.<sup>1</sup> The city of Boston is hereby authorized to build and lay out as a public street, Eastern avenue, with a bridge over Fort Point channel, having suitable draws, said avenue and bridge to be located and constructed at such places and upon such plans and upon such terms and conditions as the harbor commissioners may make, the same to be subject to the approval of the governor and council.

Contracts subject to approval of governor and council.

SECT. 7. All plans and specifications for the improvement of the flats and for work in connection therewith, and all contracts made in carrying out the authority given by this act, shall be subject to the approval of the governor and council.

Money not to be paid, except as provided in act.

SECT. 8. Nothing herein contained shall authorize said commissioners, by any stipulation or contract, to require the payment of any money from the treasury of the commonwealth except as provided in the third section of this act.

Repeal.

SECT. 9. Chapter ninety-three of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, also sections three and five of the three hundred and fifty-fourth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 9, 1868.

## 1869. — CHAPTER 78.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY OUT A PUBLIC STREET OR WAY ACROSS SOUTH BAY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May build a pile bridge across South bay.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to lay out a public street or way across South bay, and for that purpose to build a pile bridge, not exceeding one hundred feet in width, from the westerly side of South bay at or near the southerly end of Pine island wharf, so called, to the easterly side of said bay; the said bridge to be located in such a direction that, if continued eastwardly, it would intersect Federal street at or near Dorchester street; and for that purpose the said city of Boston may drive piles in the said bay necessary therefor, and also for such draw-piers as may be deemed necessary and proper for the public welfare and its own convenience; and said bridge so constructed shall be provided with such good and suitable draws as the harbor commissioners may direct, which said city shall open and close at all times for the accommodation of vessels having occasion to pass the same: *provided*, that all things done under this act shall be subject to the determination and approval of the harbor commissioners, as provided in the fourth section of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six; [and *provided, further*, that this act shall in no wise impair the legal rights of any person.<sup>2</sup>]

Draws to be provided.

Subject to approval of harbor commissioners.

Proviso.

<sup>1</sup> Eastern avenue bridge was completed and opened to public travel in 1875. By an ordinance passed May 22, 1876, it was named Congress street bridge. See *Statutes and Ordinances* (ed. 1876), p. 80, note.

<sup>2</sup> This proviso was stricken out by St. 1869, c. 447, § 2.

SECT. 2. The authority hereby granted to said city may be re- Bridge to be  
voked at any time; and if said city shall neglect for the space of five years.  
years to build and finish said bridge, then this act shall be void.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 17, 1869.

[1869, 447; 1874, 114.]

## 1869. — CHAPTER 94.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONSTRUCT DRAINS ON FORT HILL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to construct City may con-  
struct sewers  
for drainage of  
Fort Hill terri-  
tory.  
and maintain such new drains or sewers for the efficient and proper  
drainage of Fort Hill territory, so called, in the city of Boston, over  
any lots of land of said territory as the board of aldermen may deem  
necessary, and shall allow compensation for any damages occasioned  
thereby, in the same manner as is now provided by law in relation  
to the construction of common sewers. Damages.

SECT. 2. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston may reduce Aldermen may  
reduce the grade  
of estates on  
Fort Hill.  
the grade of estates that require excavation upon Fort Hill, to the  
level which has been or may hereafter be determined upon for the  
improvement of said territory; and for such purpose may cause the  
removal of buildings, whether abutting on streets or otherwise, in the  
same manner and with the same provision for damages as is now pro-  
vided in relation to buildings upon lands taken for streets. May remove  
buildings.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 20, 1869.

## 1869. — CHAPTER 155.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE EAST BOSTON FERRY COMPANY, AND TO REPEAL THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MAVERICK BRIDGE COMPANY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston, for the purpose City of Boston  
may purchase  
franchise and  
property of  
East Boston  
Ferry Com-  
pany.  
of improving private property, and of protecting the same and the  
travel and business between the mainland in said city and East Bos-  
ton from the disabilities and burdens of the ferry communications  
heretofore existing between said parts of the city, and of furnishing  
additional facilities to said travel and business, are hereby authorized  
to purchase the boats and so much of the other property, including  
the franchise, of the East Boston Ferry Company, as they shall think  
expedient, at such price as may be agreed upon between them and  
the said ferry company, with the approval of the mayor of said city,  
and to ordain and establish the present or such other lines of ferry  
travel as they may see fit between the said parts of said city, and to  
cause the said ferry to be maintained thereon in such manner and  
upon such rates of ferriage as the board of aldermen of said city shall  
from time to time judge the best interests of the said city to require,  
excepting only as hereinafter provided. May establish  
rates of fer-  
riage.

SECT. 2. Upon the completion of said purchase, the said city May maintain  
ferry free of  
tolls.  
council shall consider and determine whether the interests of said  
city will be best promoted by maintaining said ferry thereafter free  
of tolls, and in case they shall decide the same in the affirmative, then

the said city shall maintain and operate, or cause to be maintained and operated, the said ferry thereafter free of all tolls, and with facilities for travel not less than those now furnished by said company, or those which now are, or hereafter may be, by law required.

Aldermen to determine what portion of cost shall be borne by owners of real estate in East Boston.

And in such case the said board of aldermen shall adjudge and determine whether the territory of that part of the said city called East Boston and Breed's Island, or any and what part thereof, will receive any benefit and advantage therefrom beyond that general advantage which will be received therefrom by other portions of said city, and what portion of the cost of such purchase shall be borne by the city, and what portion by the owners of real estate in said East Boston and Breed's Island, or the portion thereof so adjudged to be benefited, by reason of said benefit. A notice of such determination shall be published for two weeks successively in some one newspaper published in said city.

Parties aggrieved may apply for jury.

SECT. 3. Any person aggrieved by the determination of said board, either as to the benefit received or as to the division of the expense between the city and the owners of real estate as aforesaid, may at any time within two months after the first publication of the notice aforesaid, apply for a jury. Such application shall be made in like manner, and the proceedings thereon shall be the same as in the case of laying out and discontinuing highways in the said city: *provided*, that before making his application the party shall give one month's notice in writing to said board of aldermen of his intention so to apply, and shall therein particularly specify his objections to the determination of said board as to the benefit received, and the proposed division of expense, to which specification he shall be confined upon the hearing before the jury; and *provided, also*, that if the superior court within and for the county of Suffolk shall not be in session at any term thereof at the time of such application, the filing of his petition in the office of the clerk of said court shall be deemed an application for the purposes of this act. If, upon the hearing, the objections to said determination are not sustained, the charges arising on such application shall be paid by the applicant or person recognizing therefor, otherwise they shall be paid by the city, and the board of aldermen may, if necessary, determine anew the benefit and division of expense aforesaid, or either of them, and may make such abatements as they may judge expedient. Any person who neglects to make application for a jury as herein provided, shall be concluded in all respects under this act by said determination of said board of aldermen, and shall not be entitled by any process, either at law or in equity, to prevent the said assessment or to recover the amount of any assessment collected of him.

Proceedings as in case of laying out highways. *Providio.*

*Providio.*

If jury is not applied for, determination of aldermen to be final.

Decision of aldermen to be certified to assessors, and assessments to be made upon estates benefited.

SECT. 4. After two months from the final determination of said board of aldermen as to the division of the expense of such purchase and the territory benefited thereby as aforesaid, the said board of aldermen shall cause to be certified to the assessors of said city the portion of the cost of said purchase which is to be borne by the owners of real estate within said territory to be benefited, which shall be by said assessors equitably and ratably assessed upon the said owners of real estate in said district adjudged to be benefited, and shall constitute a lien upon said real estate, and shall be collected and enforced with like charges for costs and interest, and in the same manner and with the same powers in all respects as are provided by law for the collection of taxes on real estate: *provided*, that the said board may, if they shall judge the public interest to require it, apportion the said amount to be assessed as aforesaid into not exceeding five equal parts, which apportionment shall be also certified to the said assessors, who shall add one of said equal parts yearly

*Providio.*

to the annual tax of said estates adjudged to be benefited as aforesaid, but pursuant to the original assessment made as aforesaid.

SECT. 5. If the said city council, upon the completion of said purchase, shall adjudge and determine that instead of maintaining said ferry free of all tolls, it is for the best interests of said city that the said ferry shall be thereafter operated with more boats and greater facilities for travel and business than are now furnished by said company, and at one cent ferriage for a foot passenger, instead of two cents as heretofore charged, and with the other rates of ferriage thereon so reduced that the receipts of said ferry annually shall not exceed the cost of operating the same, instead of paying, as provided by the charter of said company, at least eight per cent. annual dividends, then and in such case the said city shall thereafter maintain and operate, or cause to be maintained and operated, the said ferry, with such greater accommodations and at such reduced rates of ferriage as aforesaid, or with such other and still greater accommodations and at such more reduced rates of ferriage as the said board of aldermen may from time to time judge expedient for the purposes mentioned in the first section of this act. And the said board of aldermen, having first adjudged and determined the territory, if any, that shall be thereby specially benefited as aforesaid, may also adjudge and apportion, not exceeding one-half part of the cost of such purchase, to be assessed upon the said estates adjudged to be benefited as aforesaid, in the same manner, and with the same powers and liabilities in all respects as are herein before provided respecting such assessment.

City may operate ferry with more boats and at reduced rates of ferriage. 123 Mass. 461.

SECT. 6. If the said city council, instead of adjudging to maintain said ferry free of all tolls, as provided in section two of this act, shall adjudge and determine that it is for the best interests of said city that the said ferry shall be maintained free of tolls for a term of not less than ten years next succeeding said purchase, and thereafter upon such rates of ferriage as may then be adjudged by said city, then and in such case the said city shall maintain and operate, or cause to be maintained and operated, the said ferry, for and during a term of not less than ten years next succeeding said purchase, free of all tolls, but in all other respects as provided by section five of this act, and may thereupon apportion, not exceeding one-half part of the cost of such purchase, upon the said estates benefited, with the same powers and under the same limitations as herein before provided respecting such assessment.

City may maintain ferry for ten years free of tolls, and subsequently apportion one-half of cost of purchase upon estates benefited.

SECT. 7. The said board of aldermen shall have power at all times, notwithstanding any of the provisions of this act, or anything done by said city in pursuance thereof, to levy and collect such rates of ferriage as they shall judge expedient, for and upon all teams and vehicles passing over said ferry to or from any place beyond the limits of said city.

May collect tolls for all vehicles passing to or from places beyond limits of city.

SECT. 8. Chapter three hundred and fifty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight is hereby repealed.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 10, 1869.

## 1869.—CHAPTER 166.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROXBURY LATIN SCHOOL, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate from time to time such sums of money for the main-

Boston may appropriate money for sup-

port of Roxbury  
Latin school.  
Proviso.

tenance of the Roxbury Latin school, not exceeding the sum of three thousand dollars in any single year: *provided*, that the trustees of this school shall annually report to the board of school committee of Boston, on or before the second Tuesday of September, the standing and condition of the school, and such statistics as are required of the Boston Latin school in section twenty, chapter four, of the rules of the board.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 13, 1869.

### 1869.—CHAPTER 181.

AN ACT FOR THE PREVENTION OF A NUISANCE IN THE DOCKS INCLOSED BY THE BUILDING AND FILLING IN OF ATLANTIC AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted etc.:*

Boston may fill  
docks inclosed  
by Atlantic ave-  
nue with earth  
from Fort hill.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, to prevent the nuisance which will be created by the sewers discharging into the docks, and from stagnant water in said docks inclosed by the building of Atlantic avenue, may fill up said docks with earth from Fort Hill, and shall have a lien on the land made by said filling, for the cost of doing the same, as hereinafter provided.

May extend  
sewers so as to  
discharge into  
deep water.

SECT. 2. The said city may extend the sewers now discharging into said docks, and such other sewers as in their judgment will be required, so as to discharge the same into deep water below Atlantic avenue, or from the ends of the wharves, as they shall deem most convenient or conducive to public health, and assess the cost of doing the same in the manner now provided by law in relation to the building of sewers.

To record in  
Suffolk registry  
description and  
claim for filling  
docks.

SECT. 3. The said city shall file for record in the Suffolk registry, a description of the boundaries of the docks so filled, together with their claim for the cost of filling the same, and also the portions of such assessments for sewers as shall apply to lands filled as before named, and such amounts for filling and for constructing sewers so filled as aforesaid, shall constitute a lien on said lands, which may be enforced and collected in the same manner as is provided by law for the collection of taxes upon real estate; and when the different claimants to the lands so filled shall settle the boundaries of their several claims, the said city shall discharge their lien on the record in said registry on the land of any owner, on the said owner paying to the said city the proportion of said cost for filling and construction of sewers due on his land, together with interest on the same from the date of said expenditure by said city.

Cost of filling  
to be a lien upon  
land, and may  
be collected like  
taxes.

Owner of land  
may fill it.

SECT. 4. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent any owner from filling his own lot of land, provided he does it in season to prevent a nuisance, and the filling be done with suitable and wholesome earth, to be approved by said city.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 17, 1869.

### 1869. — RESOLVES. CHAPTER 40.

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF ARMS TO THE ENGLISH HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Arms may be is-  
sued to Boston  
for use of Eng-  
lish High and  
Latin schools.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be and is hereby authorized to issue to the city of Boston such arms for the use of the English High and Latin schools in said city as, in his judgment, may

be so distributed without detriment to the militia service. *provided*, <sup>Proviso.</sup> the city of Boston shall be held responsible for the return in good order and condition of said arms whenever his excellency the governor shall so direct.

April 27, 1869.

### 1869. — CHAPTER 193.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONVEY WATER TO DEER ISLAND.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is authorized to convey water from East Boston, so called, to Deer Island in Boston harbor, by laying aqueducts or water-pipes through the town of Winthrop and across Shirley gut; and for that purpose shall have all the rights and privileges, and shall be subject to all the liabilities, mentioned in chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, and the several acts in addition thereto. <sup>Boston may lay water-pipes across Shirley gut to Deer Island.</sup> And the said city of Boston may make any suitable structures for the purpose of conveying the said water, under the tide-waters in said Shirley gut: *provided*, that such structures shall be approved by the harbor commissioners. <sup>May erect structures, subject to approval of harbor commissioners.</sup>

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 24, 1869.

[1846, 167; 1849, 187.]

### 1869. — CHAPTER 194.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO WIDEN FEDERAL-STREET BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to widen Federal-street bridge, in said city, to a width equal to the width of said Federal street: *provided*, that all things done under this act shall be subject to the determination and approval of the harbor commissioners, as provided in section four of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six. <sup>May widen Federal-street bridge. Subject to approval of harbor commissioners. P.S. 19, § 8.</sup>

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 24, 1869.

[1825, 147; 1830, 121; 1831, 46; 1855, 406.]

### 1869. — CHAPTER 247.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE POWERS OF CONSTABLES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Any constable of the city of Boston who shall have complied with the provisions of section one, of chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty, may, within said city of Boston, serve any writ or other process in any personal action in which the damages are not laid at a greater sum than three hundred dollars, and any process in replevin in which the subject-matter does not exceed in value three hundred dollars. <sup>Repealed by P.S. See post, p. 321; P.S. 27, § 114.</sup>

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of June next.

May 10, 1869.



## 1869. — CHAPTER 349.

## AN ACT TO UNITE THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Dorchester annexed to Boston and to become part of Suffolk county.

SECTION 1. All the territory now comprised within the limits of the town of Dorchester, in the county of Norfolk, with the inhabitants and estates therein, is hereby annexed to and made part of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Suffolk, subject to the same municipal regulations, obligations, and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities in all respects as the said city of Boston: *provided, however,* that until constitutionally and legally changed, said territory shall continue to be, for the purpose of electing members of the house of representatives, part of the county of Norfolk, constituting the fifth representative district thereof; for the purpose of electing a senator, part of the second Norfolk senatorial district; for the purpose of electing a councillor, part of the second council district; and for the purpose of electing a representative in congress, part of congressional district number two, as the same are now constituted.

Proviso.

Election of members of house of representatives, senator, councillor, etc.

Duties of selectmen, town clerk, and ward officers.

All the duties now required by law to be performed by the selectmen and town clerk of the town of Dorchester, or either of them, pertaining to the election of representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, and members of the house of representatives, shall in like manner devolve upon and be performed by the board of aldermen and city clerk of the city of Boston.

It shall be the duty of the ward officers of the ward, erected out of said territory, as hereinafter provided, to make return of all votes that may be cast therein, from time to time, for representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, members of the house of representatives, and for all other national, state, district, county, municipal, and ward officers, to the city clerk of the city of Boston.

Public property of Dorchester to be vested in Boston.

SECT. 2. All the public property of the said town of Dorchester shall be vested in and is hereby declared to be the property of the city of Boston; and said city of Boston shall succeed to all the rights, claims, causes of action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts, duties, privileges, and immunities, of said town of Dorchester. The town treasurer of the town of Dorchester shall, on or before the second Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, under the direction of the selectmen of said town of Dorchester, who shall for this purpose, and for all other purposes necessary to carry into full effect the provisions of this act, continue to hold their offices over, transfer, deliver, pay over, and account for, to the city treasurer of the city of Boston, all books, papers, moneys, and other property, in his possession as town treasurer of said town of Dorchester, when this act shall take effect; and the city of Boston shall become liable for and subject to all the debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and liabilities, of said town of Dorchester.

Treasurer of Dorchester to deliver books, papers, and property.

Boston to be liable for debts of Dorchester.

Pending actions, etc., to survive.

All actions and causes of action which may be pending, or which shall have accrued at the time this act shall take effect, in behalf of or against the town of Dorchester, shall survive, and may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution, in behalf of or against the city of Boston.

Jurisdiction of courts in Suffolk and Norfolk counties.

SECT. 3. The several courts within the county of Suffolk, except the municipal court for the southern district of the city of Boston, after this act shall take effect, shall have the same jurisdiction over all causes of action and proceedings in civil causes, and over all matters in probate and insolvency, which shall have accrued within

said territory hereby annexed, that said courts now have over like actions, proceedings, and matters, within the county of Suffolk: *provided, however,* that the several courts within the county of Norfolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of all actions, proceedings, and matters, that shall have been rightfully commenced in said courts prior to the time when this act shall take effect; and the supreme judicial court and the superior court within the county of Suffolk, after this act shall take effect, shall have the same jurisdiction of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, that shall have been committed within the said territory, that the supreme judicial court and superior court within the county of Norfolk now have jurisdiction of: *provided,* proceedings shall not have been already commenced in any of the courts within the county of Norfolk, for the prosecution of said crimes, offences, and misdemeanors; in which case, the said courts within the county of Norfolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of the same for the full, complete, and final, disposition thereof. All suits, actions, proceedings, complaints, and prosecutions, and all matters of probate and insolvency which shall be pending within said territory, before any court or justice of the peace, when this act shall take effect, shall be heard and determined as though this act had not passed.

SECT. 4. Said territory shall be added to, and constituted a part of, the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Boston. Said court shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction in said territory as it now has by law in its district as it now exists.

SECT. 5. The said territory shall constitute a ward of the city of Boston, to be called ward sixteen, and shall so remain until the alteration of the ward limits of the city of Boston, provided by law. And the ward so established shall be entitled to all the municipal and ward officers which each of the other wards of said city of Boston is entitled to.

SECT. 6. If this act shall be accepted as hereinafter provided, said territory shall, after the second day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, constitute a ward of the city of Boston, to be called ward sixteen, for all the purposes mentioned in this section and in section seven of this act. And the board of aldermen of said city of Boston shall, in due season, issue their warrant for a meeting of the legal voters of said ward, to be held on the second Monday of December, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, at some place within said ward, which shall be designated in said warrant, there first to choose a warden, clerk, and five inspectors of elections, for said ward, who shall hold their offices until the first Monday of January in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead; second, to give in their ballots for the several municipal and ward officers for the year eighteen hundred and seventy, for which they shall be entitled to vote by virtue of the provisions of this act.

The voters of said ward shall designate, by their ballots cast at said meeting, the term of service for which each of the six school committee men who shall be chosen in said ward, shall serve, so that two of the number so chosen shall serve for three years, two for two years, and two for one year. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall prepare lists of all the legal voters in said ward, to be used at said meeting, and shall do all other things which they are now by law required to do in respect to like elections in other wards in the city of Boston; and at said meeting, any legal voter of said ward may call the citizens to order, and preside until a warden shall have been chosen and qualified. All ward officers whose election is

*Proviso.*

*Proviso.*

*Territory to constitute part of district under jurisdiction of municipal court of Boston.*

*— to constitute ward sixteen of Boston.*

*Ward officers to be elected.*

*School committee.*

Citizens may vote for municipal officers of Boston in the year 1869.

provided for in the preceding section, shall be qualified according to law. The citizens of the territory by this act annexed to the city of Boston, shall have the same right to vote for municipal officers at the annual municipal election of the city of Boston, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as they would have had if said territory had formed part of the city of Boston for more than six months next before said election.

Number of aldermen, councilmen, and wards in Boston.

SECT. 7. After the present municipal year the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall consist of twelve members, and the common council of the city of Boston shall consist of sixty-four members. The number of wards of said city, including the ward to be formed out of the territory hereby annexed, shall be sixteen.

Police officers, firemen, etc., of Dorchester, to continue in discharge of their duties.

SECT. 8. The several police officers and watchmen that may be in office in the town of Dorchester when this act shall take effect, shall thereafter continue in the discharge of their respective duties, in the same manner as if they were police officers and watchmen of the city of Boston, until others shall be appointed in their stead. And the fire engineers and firemen of the town of Dorchester shall in like manner continue in the discharge of their duties, as if they were engineers and firemen of the city of Boston, till others are appointed in their stead.

Interest of Dorchester in county property released.

Boston to pay just proportion of debts of Norfolk county.

SECT. 9. All the interest which the town of Dorchester now has in the public property of the county of Norfolk, is hereby released and acquitted to said county of Norfolk. Such proportion of the debts and obligations of the county of Norfolk, existing when this act shall take full effect, over and above the value of all the property belonging to said county as should proportionally and equitably be paid by the inhabitants and property owners of the territory by this act annexed to the city of Boston, shall be paid by said city of Boston to said county of Norfolk; and the supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity to determine the amount of such proportion (if any), and enforce the payment of the same upon a suit of equity, in the name of said county, to be brought therefor within six months after this act shall go into full operation, by the county commissioners of said county of Norfolk, if they shall deem such suit for the interest of said county; but no such suit shall be instituted after said six months.

Obligation of contracts not impaired.

Nothing contained in this act shall impair the obligation of contracts; and the property and inhabitants of the territory by this act annexed to the city of Boston shall continue liable to the existing creditors of the county of Norfolk, in like manner as if this act had not been passed: *provided*, that if any person, by reason of his being an inhabitant of, or owning property in, said territory, shall be compelled to pay any part of an existing debt or obligation of the county of Norfolk, the amount of such payment shall constitute a debt to him from said county as hereafter to be constituted, exclusive of said territory, and may be recovered in like manner as other debts against the county of Norfolk.

Proviso.

Act not to take full effect unless accepted by votes of Boston and Dorchester.

SECT. 10. This act shall not take full effect unless accepted by a majority of the legal voters of the city of Boston present and voting thereon by ballot, at meetings which shall be held in the several wards of said city, and also by a majority of the legal voters of the town of Dorchester present and voting thereon by ballot, at a meeting which shall be held in said town.<sup>1</sup> All said meetings shall be held simultaneously on the twenty-second day of June of the present year, and upon notice thereof duly given at least seven days before the time of said meetings, and the polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and shall be closed at six o'clock in

Meetings to be held in both places June 22, 1869.

the afternoon. In case of the absence of any ward officer at any ward meeting in said city, held for the purpose aforesaid, or of any of the selectmen, or of the town clerk at any meeting in said town for said purpose, a like officer may be chosen, *pro tempore*, by hand vote, and shall be duly qualified and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, of the regular officer at said meetings. Said ballots shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to the question, "Shall an act passed by the legislature of the commonwealth in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled 'an act to unite the city of Boston and the town of Dorchester,' be accepted?" Such meeting in the town of Dorchester shall be called, notified, and warned, by the selectmen of said town, in the same manner in which meetings for the election of town officers in said town are called, notified, and warned; and such meetings in the city of Boston shall be called, notified, and warned, by the board of aldermen of said city in the same manner in which meetings for the election of municipal officers in said city are called, notified, and warned.

Ward officers  
*pro tempore*.  
may be chosen.

Ballots.

Meetings, how  
warned.

The ballots given in shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in the ward meetings in which they are given in the city of Boston, in open ward meeting, and shall be registered in the ward records; and in the town of Dorchester the ballots given in shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in open town meeting, and shall be recorded upon the records of the town. The clerk of each ward in the city of Boston shall make return of all ballots given in his ward, and the number of ballots in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots against said acceptance, to the board of aldermen of the city of Boston; said returns to be made within forty-eight hours of the close of the polls.

Result of ballot-  
ing to be re-  
corded and re-  
turned.

It shall be the duty of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston to certify as soon as may be the ballots cast in the city of Boston, and the number of ballots cast in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots cast against said acceptance, in said city, to the secretary of the commonwealth.

Returns to be  
made to the se-  
cretary of the  
commonwealth.

The selectmen and town clerk of the town of Dorchester shall, as soon as may be, make a like return of the ballots cast in said town, and the number of ballots cast in favor of acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots cast against said acceptance, in said town, to the secretary of the commonwealth.

And if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast in the city of Boston, and a majority of the votes in the town of Dorchester, respectively, is in favor of the acceptance of this act, the said secretary shall immediately issue and publish his certificate declaring this act to have been duly accepted.

Secretary to  
publish certifi-  
cate, if majority  
of votes cast is  
in favor of ac-  
ceptance.

SECT. 11. So much of this act as authorizes and directs the submission of the question of acceptance of this act to the legal voters of said city and said town, respectively, provided for in the tenth section of this act, shall take effect upon its passage.

Part of act to  
take effect upon  
passage.

SECT. 12. If this act shall be accepted as herein provided, it shall take effect on the third day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, so far as to authorize, legalize, and carry into effect, the acts and provisions of the sixth and seventh sections of this act; but for all other purposes (except as mentioned in section eleven of this act), it shall take effect on the first Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy.

When to take  
effect if ac-  
cepted.

SECT. 13. If any election or balloting upon the question of the acceptance of this act, by either said city or said town, shall within two months thereafter be declared void by the supreme judicial court, upon summary proceedings, which may be had in any county on the petition of fifty voters of either said city or said town, the question of

Proceedings in  
case supreme  
judicial court  
declare ballots  
void.

accepting said act shall be again submitted to the legal voters of said city or town, and a meeting therefor shall within thirty days thereafter be called, held, and conducted, and the votes returned and other proceedings had thereon, in like manner as herein before provided. But no election or balloting shall be held void for informality, in calling, holding, or conducting the election, or returning the votes, or otherwise, except upon proceedings instituted therefor and determined within sixty days thereafter, as aforesaid.

June 4, 1869.

## 1869. — CHAPTER 369.

### AN ACT CONCERNING THE ERECTION OF STABLES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Stables not to be built in Boston without consent in writing of board of aldermen.

Proviso.

Supreme judicial court may prevent building by injunction.

When to take effect.

SECTION 1. No person shall hereafter erect, occupy, or use, any building for a stable in the city of Boston, except in such place as the board of aldermen of said city shall first in writing approve and direct, and every person so erecting, using, or occupying, a building without such approval, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, for every month he so uses or occupies such building, and in like proportion for a longer or shorter time; this act shall not apply to any stable now erected, occupied, or used, so long as the same is not enlarged or rebuilt.

SECT. 2. The supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, either in term time or vacation, may issue an injunction to prevent the erection, occupancy, or use, of any stable contrary to the provisions of this act.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect in three months after its passage.

June 9, 1869.

[1810, 124; 1860, 109; 1871, 280; 1878, 192.]

## 1869. — CHAPTER 447.

### AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY OUT A PUBLIC STREET OR WAY ACROSS SOUTH BAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Boston may lay water-pipes to Pine island, thence across Roxbury canal and South bay by syphons.

Proviso.

Amendment to 1860, 76, § 1.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to lay water-pipes from a point at or near the junction of Federal and Dorchester streets in said city, in a westerly direction, crossing the Boston, Hartford, and Erie, railroad to Pine island, so called, thence in a westerly direction crossing the marsh and the Roxbury canal to the junction of East Chester park and Albany street in said city: *provided*, that such pipe or pipes shall cross the Roxbury canal by means of a syphon, so as not to obstruct navigation; and shall also cross the South bay by syphon under so much of the channel as the harbor commissioners shall direct. And all things done under this act, so far as relates to the crossing of tide-waters, shall be subject to the determination and approval of the harbor commissioners, as provided in the fourth section of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

SECT. 2 The act passed the present session of the legislature entitled, "an act to authorize the city of Boston to lay a public street or way across South bay," is hereby amended by striking from the first section thereof the following concluding words thereof: "and,

*provided*, that this act shall in no wise impair the legal rights of any person."

SECT. 3. So much of the street across South bay, mentioned in the act described in the preceding section, shall be constructed with solid filling, and so much thereof shall be a pile bridge as the harbor commissioners shall direct.

Street across South bay to be constructed with solid filling and pile-bridge.

SECT. 4. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to locate, construct, and maintain, a railroad track or tracks from some convenient point on any railroad near the street herein before mentioned, near where the street herein before mentioned crosses said railroad, and may extend said track or tracks in an easterly direction or westerly direction; said railroad tracks to be used only for the construction of said street.

Boston may maintain railroad for construction of street.

SECT. 5. All damages occasioned to private property by laying out and constructing said street, shall be ascertained and compensated in the manner provided in chapter forty-three of the general statutes, for the laying out of highways.

Damages to private property. P.S. 49.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 22, 1869.

[1869, 78; 1874, 114.]

#### 1869. — CHAPTER 448.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO LAYING OUT STREETS IN THE THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, AND FIFTEENTH WARDS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen<sup>1</sup> of the city of Boston, with the concurrence of the common council of said city, may lay out such public highways and streets in the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth wards of said city, being the territory formerly constituting the city of Roxbury, as they in their judgment shall deem to be for the common benefit of the inhabitants of said city, and pay for the land so taken; which highways and streets said city of Boston shall not be obliged to complete sooner than the board of aldermen may deem it expedient so to do.

City council may lay out streets, etc., in territory formerly city of Roxbury, and pay for land taken.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 22, 1869.

[1870, 337; 1872, 242.]

#### 1870. — CHAPTER 79.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO LAYING OUT STREETS IN THE TWELFTH AND SIXTEENTH WARDS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen<sup>1</sup> of the city of Boston, with the concurrence of the city council of said city, may lay out such public highways and streets in the sixteenth ward of said city, being the territory formerly constituting the town of Dorchester, as they in their judgment shall deem to be for the common benefit of the inhabitants of said city, and pay for the land so taken; which highways and streets said city of Boston shall not be obliged to complete sooner than the board of aldermen may deem it expedient so to do.

City council may lay out streets, etc., in territory formerly Dorchester, and pay for land taken.

SECT. 2. The board of aldermen of said city of Boston, may in

May lay out streets, etc., in

<sup>1</sup> Street commissioners. See St. 1870, c. 337.

twelfth ward  
and South bay.

like manner, with the concurrence of the city council, lay out such public highways and streets in the twelfth ward in said city and the territory known as South bay, as they in their judgment shall deem to be for the common benefit of the inhabitants of said city, and pay for the land so taken, which highways and streets said city of Boston shall not be obliged to complete sooner than the board of aldermen may deem it expedient to do so.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 17, 1870.

[1872, 242.]

## 1870.—CHAPTER 216.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WITH PURE WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Charlestown  
may lay addi-  
tional line of  
mains from  
water works in  
Somerville.

SECTION 1. The city of Charlestown is hereby authorized to locate and lay a second line of force and supply mains or aqueducts from the engine-house of the Charlestown water works in Somerville, to the city of Charlestown, and enlarge its present engine-house, or make such additions thereto as may hereafter in the opinion of said city become necessary, and to take and to hold by purchase or otherwise, any land, real estate, or water rights, necessary for erecting, laying, and maintaining, the same. And for the purposes aforesaid, said city may carry and conduct any aqueduct or other works by it to be made and constructed, over or under any water-course, or any street, turnpike, road, highway or other way, in such manner as not to obstruct or impede travel thereon, or the free flow of water therein, and may enter upon and dig up any such land, street, or way, as may be necessary for the purpose of laying down such aqueducts or other works, and for maintaining or repairing the same.

Mystic water  
board to have all  
the rights, etc.,  
named in 1861,  
105, § 3.

SECT. 2. The Mystic water board of said city shall have, exercise, and are hereby vested with, all the rights, privileges, and authority, and be subject to all the provisions and restrictions, as the commissioners named in section three of chapter one hundred and five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Liability of city  
of Charlestown  
for damages.

SECT. 3. The said city shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property by the taking of any land, water, or water-rights, or by the constructing of any aqueducts or other works, for the purposes of this act; and any owner or party who shall sustain damages by the doings of said city under this act, shall have the like remedy, and like proceedings shall be had, whether by the party sustaining damages as aforesaid, or by the said city of Charlestown, as is provided in said chapter one hundred and five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

"Water bonds  
of the city of  
Charlestown,"  
not exceeding  
\$300,000, may  
be issued to de-  
fray expenses.

SECT. 4. For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses incurred by said city in the extension of the water works, the city council of said city of Charlestown is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, scrip, notes, or certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face thereof. "Water bonds of the city of Charlestown," to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding the legal rate of interest in this commonwealth, which shall be redeemable at a period of time not less than ten nor more than thirty years from and after the issue thereof. And said city council may sell the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, at public or private sale, or pledge the

same for money borrowed for the purposes aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as said city council shall adjudge proper.

SECT. 5. The said city of Charlestown shall erect proper hydrants in number equal to one for every five hundred feet of such new aqueduct, and in any event to the number of twenty in the town of Somerville, along the line of said new aqueduct or elsewhere in the pipes connecting therewith, as the water committee of the town of Somerville and the select men of the town of Medford shall direct; and said towns of Somerville and Medford shall at all times maintain said hydrants, and draw water therefrom, without charge therefor, for the extinguishment of fires, under such regulations as the city of Charlestown may from time to time establish under authority of this act. And for this purpose there shall be allowed to said town of Somerville by the said city of Charlestown, in the settlement for water for hydrants under the contract now existing between said city of Charlestown and town of Somerville, the sum of twenty-eight dollars for each hydrant thus erected in said town.

Hydrants to be erected along the line of new aqueduct

SECT. 6. The provisions of section twelve of chapter one hundred and five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and any by-laws or ordinances passed by said city in pursuance thereof, are hereby extended and made applicable to any and all the additional works constructed under the provisions of this act.

Provisions of 1861, 105, § 12, and by-laws, made applicable to the additional works.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 5, 1870.

[1861, 105; 1864, 176; 1865, 135; 1866, 212; 1871, 159; 1872, 85.]

## 1870. — CHAPTER 220.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF WEST ROXBURY TO IMPROVE STONY BROOK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury, or either of them, may authorize a committee or board of commissioners to exercise any or all of the powers granted to said city and town respectively by an act entitled "an act to authorize the city of Boston and town of West Roxbury to improve Stony brook and its tributaries," the same being chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and to perform any or all the duties therein imposed upon the mayor and aldermen of said city and the selectmen of said town, respectively; and in such case the notices provided for in the sixth section of said act shall be given to such committee or board of commissioners; and any person aggrieved by the action of such committee or board of commissioners, shall have the right to apply for a jury provided for in the third and seventh sections of said act.

Duties may be performed by commissioners.

Parties aggrieved may apply for jury.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston and town of West Roxbury, or their respective committees or boards of commissioners, in their behalf, if they shall be thereto duly authorized, shall have authority to contract with each other for the payment by one to the other of any part of the expense incurred by the other in the improvement of Stony brook as provided for in said act, and may include the amounts so paid in the statement of the total expenses made up to determine the amount of assessments to be laid under the fourth section of said act.

Boston and West Roxbury may contract with each other concerning payment of expense of improvement of Stony brook.

SECT. 3. No person, except those authorized by chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight

Unauthorized person not to obstruct brook



without consent  
of Boston and  
West Roxbury.

Proviso.

and by the preceding sections of this act, shall change the present course of Stony brook, or erect any structure in or over the same, or create any obstruction to the flow of the waters of the same without the consent of said city of Boston and town of West Roxbury first obtained: *provided*, that upon the completion of any part of the channel for the new location of said brook, said city or town, or their respective committee or board of commissioners, may give public notice of the completion of the same, and may authorize the owners of abutting lands, so far as the same are within the respective limits of said city or town, to fill up the old channel of said brook or to erect structures in or over the same.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 6, 1870.

[1868, 223; 1871, 340; 1874, 196.]

## 1870. — CHAPTER 300.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO PRISON POINT BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Draw to be made  
thirty-six feet  
in width.

SECTION 1. The cities of Cambridge and Charlestown shall forthwith cause to be made in lieu of the existing draw in the Prison Point bridge, over Miller's river, a draw with a clear opening of thirty-eight feet in width.

Commissioner  
to have charge  
of draw.  
R.O. c. 40, § 9.

SECT. 2. For the purpose of constructing said draw, the city councils of said cities shall each in pursuance of such ordinances as they may respectively establish, elect one commissioner, and said commissioner so chosen shall have the care and management of said draw.

Expense of  
maintaining,  
etc., to be borne  
by both cities.

SECT. 3. The expense of constructing and maintaining said draw and keeping the same in repair, and of affording all necessary and proper accommodations to vessels having occasion to pass the same by day or night, shall be borne equally by said cities; and said cities shall be jointly liable for all damages or injuries resulting from any defect in said draw or from carelessness or neglect in the management of the same.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 1, 1870.

## 1870. — CHAPTER 302.

### AN ACT RELATING TO WEST BOSTON AND CRAGIE BRIDGES.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Harbor commis-  
sioners to deter-  
mine position of  
draws in West  
Boston and  
Cragie bridges.

SECTION 1. The harbor commissioners shall forthwith locate and determine the position of the draws in the West Boston bridge and Cragie or Canal bridge, over Charles river, to be constructed as hereinafter provided.

Three commis-  
sioners to be ap-  
pointed by  
supreme judicial  
court, upon peti-  
tion of mayor  
of Cambridge;

SECT. 2. The supreme judicial court, sitting as a full court in any county at any time after the passage of this act, shall, upon the petition of the mayor of the city of Cambridge, after such notice as the court or any justice thereof may order, appoint three discreet and competent commissioners for the purposes hereinafter named.

— to be sworn,  
and to apportion  
and assess upon

SECT. 3. Said commissioners shall be sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of their duties, and shall then, after due notice

<sup>1</sup> Changed to thirty-six by St. 1870, c. 401, § 1.

<sup>2</sup> See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1870), p. 78.

and hearing in such manner and amount as they shall deem just and equitable, apportion and assess upon the cities of Boston and Cambridge the expense of maintaining and keeping in repair said bridges, including the expense of opening the draws thereof and affording all necessary and proper accommodations to vessels having occasion to pass the same by day or night, and shall also at the same time appraise the fund, as it now exists, paid to the city of Cambridge under chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and also all funds, moneys, and properties, belonging to said bridges, and apportion to the city of Boston the same proportion thereof as Boston shall, under and by virtue of this act, have apportioned or assessed upon it of the expense of maintaining and keeping in repair said bridges.

Boston and Cambridge ex-  
pense of main-  
taining, etc.;

SECT. 4. Said commissioners shall return their award into the supreme judicial court, sitting for the county of Suffolk; and when said award shall have been accepted by said court, the same shall be a final and conclusive adjudication of all matters herein referred to said commissioners, and shall be binding upon all parties; and said court may enforce the same by proper process; and the expense of executing this act shall be paid by said cities in the same proportions as the expense of maintaining said bridges is apportioned and assessed upon said cities.

—to return  
award to  
supreme judicial  
court.

SECT. 5. Upon the acceptance of said award by the court as aforesaid, the city of Cambridge shall pay and deliver to the city of Boston the proportion of said fund, funds, moneys, and properties, apportioned to Boston under said award, and the said bridges shall become and be highways; and thereafter said bridges and draws shall be maintained, supported, managed, and kept in repair, by the cities of Boston and Cambridge according to the terms and proportions established by said award; and all damages recovered in any action at law by reason of any defect or want of repair in either of said bridges or the draws thereof, shall be paid by said cities on the same terms and in the same proportions.

Upon accept-  
ance of award  
Cambridge to  
pay to Boston  
sum appor-  
tioned.

SECT. 6. The care and management of said bridges and draws shall be vested in a board of commissioners consisting of one person from each city, chosen in accordance with such ordinances as said cities shall respectively establish, and until such commissioners are chosen, the mayors of said cities shall *ex officio* constitute such commissioners.

Commissioners,  
one from each  
city, to have  
care of draws  
and bridges;  
1871, 250.  
R.O. c. 40, § 6.

SECT. 7. The commissioners designated in the preceding section shall cause to be made in lieu of the existing draws in said bridges a draw in each bridge with a clear opening of thirty-eight feet in width, in the position determined under section one of this act.

—to cause draws  
to be made  
thirty-six feet  
in width.

SECT. 8. Nothing in this act shall release the Cambridge Railway Company or the Union Railway Company, from any legal obligation either of said companies is now under to the cities of Cambridge and Boston, or either of them, or any legal obligation now existing to maintain and keep in repair any portion of said bridges, or from any liability for any loss or injury that any person may sustain by reason of any carelessness, neglect, fault, or misconduct, of its agents or servants, in the construction, repair, management, or use, of its tracks on said bridges, or other use or occupation thereof.

Railroad com-  
panies not re-  
leased from  
obligation to  
keep bridge in  
repair.

SECT. 9. Chapter three hundred and eleven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and all others provisions of law inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECT. 10. This act shall not take full effect unless accepted by the city council of Cambridge, by concurrent vote of the two branches thereof, within thirty days from its passage. It shall be the duty of

Act to take ef-  
fect when ac-  
cepted by city  
council of Cam-  
bridge;

the city clerk of the city of Cambridge to certify to the secretary of the commonwealth the result of the vote of the city council of said city as soon as may be, and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes of both branches of the city council is in favor of the acceptance of this act, said secretary shall immediately issue and publish his certificate declaring this act to have been duly accepted.

—and upon publication of certificate by secretary of commonwealth.

SECT. 11. So much of this act as authorizes and directs the submission of the question of acceptance to the city council of Cambridge shall take effect upon its passage. If this act is accepted as herein provided, it shall take full effect upon the publication of the certificate of the secretary, as herein provided.

June 1, 1870.

[1871, 250.]

## 1870. — CHAPTER 337.

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Board of street commissioners established;

SECTION 1. The qualified voters of the city of Boston shall, at the annual municipal election next after the passage of this act, be called upon to give in their votes for three able and discreet men, being inhabitants of said city, who shall constitute the board of street commissioners of said city; one of whom shall be chosen for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years from the first Monday of January next ensuing, and until their successors are chosen and qualified; and at any subsequent annual election the qualified voters of the city shall choose one person, qualified as aforesaid, to be a member of said board, to serve for the term of three years.

—to have powers of board of aldermen concerning laying out streets and abatement of taxes;  
102 Mass. 19.  
123 Mass. 50.  
P.S. 49, § 84.

SECT. 2. Said street commissioners shall have all the powers now exercised by the board of aldermen, concerning the laying out, altering, or discontinuing, the streets and ways of said city, and the powers now exercised by said board of aldermen in relation to the abatement of taxes.

—to make estimate of cost of laying out street.  
If estimate exceeds \$10,000, matter to be determined by city council.

SECT. 3. Whenever said board of street commissioners shall adjudge that the public safety and convenience require that any street, lane, or alley, in the said city shall be laid out, altered or discontinued, they shall make and record an estimate of the expense thereof; and if such estimate shall exceed the sum of twenty-five<sup>1</sup> thousand dollars, or if such estimate with the estimates of any previous alteration or discontinuance of any part of said street, lane, or alley, during the municipal year, shall exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, the order for such laying out, alteration, or discontinuance, together with an estimate of the expense thereof, shall be sent to the city clerk, who shall forthwith lay the same before the city council for their concurrence or rejection; and such act shall not take effect or be in force until said city council shall concur therein: [*provided*, that if said council shall not act definitely thereon within thirty days after the time when the same shall have been laid before them, and cause a certified copy of their proceedings to be transmitted to said board of street commissioners, the order shall take effect at such time as said commissioners may determine].<sup>2</sup>

1872, 322.

Proviso.

Compensation.  
1879, 198.

SECT. 4. Said commissioners shall each receive an annual salary of not less than three thousand dollars, which shall be in full for their

<sup>1</sup> "Ten" inserted in place of "twenty-five" by St. 1872, c. 322.

<sup>2</sup> This proviso was stricken out by St. 1872, c. 322.

services, shall be fixed by the city council, and paid from the treasury of the city.

SECT. 5. Said commissioners shall appoint a clerk of said board, removable at pleasure, who shall have charge of the records of said board, and perform such clerical and other duties as may be required of him; he shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of said office, and shall receive such salary for his services as the city council may determine, which shall be paid from the treasury of said city.

Clerk to be appointed by commissioners and compensation fixed by city council.

SECT. 6. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said board of street commissioners the same shall be filled by a concurrent vote of the city council; and the person so elected shall hold the office until his successor at the next municipal election shall be chosen and qualified.

Vacancies in board to be filled by concurrent vote of city council.

SECT. 7. All surveys and plans required by said commissioners shall be furnished by the said city surveyor, and he shall perform such other duties for said commissioners as they may require.

Surveys and plans required, to be furnished by city surveyor.

SECT. 8. All laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

June 11, 1870.

[1799, 81; 1804, 78; 1809, 28; 1816, 90; 1831, 17; 1833, 128; 1854, 448; 1872, 242, 322; 1877, 228; 1878, 75; 1879, 198.]

## 1870. — CHAPTER 365.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BUTCHERS' SLAUGHTERING AND MELTING ASSOCIATION IN BRIGHTON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Horace W. Baxter, Horace W. Jordan, and B. Francis Ricker, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association, to be located in the town of Brighton, for the purpose of carrying on the business of buying and slaughtering cattle, sheep, and other animals, and of melting and "rendering" establishments, subject, however, to the provisions hereinafter contained, and to all general laws now, or that may hereafter be, in force, applicable to such corporations.

Corporators.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, such parcel of land, not exceeding one hundred acres in extent, and situated in Brighton, within two miles of the Cattle Fair hotel, as the state board of health shall, by vote, determine to be suitable for the carrying on of said business; and said corporation shall, within sixty days from the time it shall take any land, otherwise than by purchase, file in the office of the registry of deeds, for the county wherein said lands lie, a description thereof, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of lands, together with a statement of the purpose for which the lands are taken, which description and statement shall be signed by the president of the corporation.

May take and hold such land, not exceeding one hundred acres, as state board of health may determine. 1876, 144, § 1.

To file description of land in registry of deeds within sixty days.

SECT. 3. The said corporation shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property by the taking of any land for the purposes of this act. Any person who shall sustain damages as aforesaid, and who shall not agree upon the damages to be paid therefor, may apply by petition for the assessment of his damages at any time within one year from the taking of said land, to the superior court in the county in which said land is situate. Such petition may be filed in the clerk's office of said court in vacation or in term time, and the clerk shall thereupon issue a summons to said corporation, returnable, if issued in vacation, to the then next term of the said court, held fourteen days at least after the issuing of said

Damages, how to be ascertained, etc.

summons, and, if in term time, returnable on such day as the court shall order, to appear and answer to the said petition; the said summons shall be served fourteen days at least before the return day thereof, by leaving a copy thereof with the clerk of said corporation, and upon the return of said summons duly served, the said petition shall stand as a cause in said court, and all questions of fact relating to the damages sustained by the petitioner shall be heard and determined, and the amount of such damages shall be assessed by a jury of said court, unless the parties shall in writing waive their right to a jury trial and agree that the question of said damages shall be determined by the court; and the verdict of said jury, being accepted and recorded by said court, or the award of the court, if jury trial shall be waived, shall be final and conclusive, and judgment shall be rendered and execution issued thereon, and costs shall be recovered by the petitioner if the amount of said judgment shall exceed the amount offered him for his damage by said corporation before the filing of said petition; otherwise said corporation shall recover its costs.

Buildings to be erected and business to be carried on subject to approval of state board of health.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall proceed to build upon said land suitable buildings for the slaughtering of cattle, sheep, and other animals, and for melting and rendering purposes, and all necessary stables and out-buildings. But no buildings shall be erected until the plans thereof, with all details of construction, shall have been submitted to and approved by said state board of health, or some person designated by said board to examine said plans. All the business of said corporation shall be carried on in accordance with such regulations as said board shall from time to time establish and furnish in writing to the clerk of said corporation, and for each violation of any one of said regulations said corporation shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment against said corporation. Subject to the foregoing provisions said corporation may manufacture and sell any of the usual products of said slaughtering and melting business, or may lease or permit other persons to use their buildings or parts thereof on such terms as may be agreed upon. And each member of said corporation shall have the right to slaughter on the said premises, subject to such regulations and such tariff of prices as said corporation may, by vote at any regular meeting, establish, and to the regulations of the said board of health, as aforesaid. And any person engaged in slaughtering or other business on the premises of said corporation, who shall violate any of the said regulations of said board, shall be liable to the penalties hereinbefore affixed to violations thereof by said corporation.

1876, 144, § 1.

Capital stock and shares.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall consist of two hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and said corporation shall not take any land, as hereinbefore provided, or commence business until the sum of one hundred thousand dollars at least shall be paid in cash.

Board of health may order persons engaged in slaughtering within six miles of Faneuil Hall to slaughter on premises of this corporation.

Proviso.  
Repealed by  
1876, 144.

SECT. 6. [The state board of health may, if in their judgment the public health shall require, order any person at any time engaged in the business of slaughtering within six miles of Faneuil Hall market in Boston, and not upon any island in the harbor, to slaughter his cattle, sheep, or other animals, upon the premises of said corporation: *provided*, that thirty days' notice of an intention to pass such an order shall be given to such person by said board, and that, after such notice is given, such person shall have continued to conduct his business in such a manner as, in the judgment of the board, is injurious to the public health; and the supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, sitting in equity, shall have power to enforce any such order of said board by injunction. And whenever such board

Supreme judicial court may enforce order of board of health.

shall make such order, as aforesaid, they shall also fix in said order the price per head which said party so served with said order shall pay to said corporation for the use of a place in its said building for slaughtering as aforesaid; but said price may be fixed as a certain sum of money, or as a certain portion of the animal with its blood and offal, and said corporation shall be bound to permit said party to slaughter on its premises on the terms so fixed by the order of said board, unless said corporation and said party shall agree upon some different terms. Any person aggrieved by any order of the board of health, as in this section provided, shall have the right to appeal from said order in the same manner and with the same effect as such right is now given in chapter twenty-six of the general statutes to a person aggrieved by an order of a town board of health, prohibiting the carrying on of offensive trades. In case of any appeal, as herein provided, the application for a jury shall be made to the superior court in the county wherein the party prohibited transacts his business, if in session in said county, or, in vacation, to any justice of said court.]

Right of appeal

Application for jury in case of appeal.

June 16, 1870.

# 1870. — CHAPTER 374.

## AN ACT TO ANNEX A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That part of the town of Brookline contained within the line described as follows: beginning at a point in the centre of the channel of Charles river on the boundary line between the town of Brookline and the city of Cambridge, where the westerly line of St. Mary's street, in the town of Brookline, extended in a northerly direction, would intersect the said boundary line; thence running southwardly by the westerly line of said St. Mary's street extended to the southerly line of Brighton avenue; thence continuing in the same direction by the westerly line of St. Mary's street, to the northerly line of Ivy street; thence turning a little and running southeasterly by the south-westerly line of St. Mary's street, and by the continuation of the same to the present boundary line between Boston and Brookline in the centre of the channel of Muddy river; thence easterly following said boundary line to the present boundary line in the centre of the channel of Charles river; thence by the centre of said channel of Charles river to the point of beginning, — with all the inhabitants and estates therein, is hereby set off from the town of Brookline and annexed to the city of Boston, and shall constitute a part of the sixth ward thereof, until a new division of wards shall be made; and such territory so annexed shall form part of the county of Suffolk: *provided*, that the said territory and the inhabitants thereon, set off as aforesaid, shall be holden to pay all such taxes as are already assessed or ordered to be assessed by said town of Brookline for the present year, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed: and *provided, further*, that all paupers who have gained a settlement in said town of Brookline, by a settlement gained or derived within said territory, shall be relieved or supported by said city of Boston, in the same manner as if they had a legal settlement in said city of Boston.

Portion of Brookline annexed to Boston.

To constitute a part of sixth ward of Boston and form part of county of Suffolk.

Provisions.

SECT. 2. The said inhabitants hereby set off to the city of Boston shall continue to be a part of Brookline for the purpose of electing state officers and members of the executive council, senators and representatives to the general court, representatives to congress, and

Inhabitants set off to continue part of Brookline for electing state and national officers until next census, etc.

electors of president and vice-president of the United States, until the next decennial census shall be taken, or until another apportionment shall be made; and it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen of said city of Boston to make a true list of the persons residing on the territory hereby annexed to said city, qualified to vote at such elections, and post up the same in said territory, and correct the same as required by law, and deliver the same to the selectmen of said town of Brookline, seven days at least before any such election; and the same shall be taken and used by the selectmen of Brookline for such election, in the same manner as if it had been prepared by themselves.

Rights of drainage not affected.

SECT. 3. This act shall not be construed to divest or deprive the town of Brookline of any legal rights of drainage which it now possesses.

Subject to acceptance by city council of Boston.

SECT. 4. This act shall not take effect until accepted by the city council of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

June 18, 1870.

### 1870. — CHAPTER 382.

#### AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING OF BLACK BASS IN LAKE COCHITUATE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Penalty for taking black bass.

Whoever catches, takes, or destroys, any black bass in the waters of Lake Cochituate in the towns of Natick, Wayland, or Framingham, in the county of Middlesex, shall forfeit for each offence not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

June 21, 1870.

### 1870. — CHAPTER 401.

#### AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRAWS IN BRIDGES ACROSS CHARLES AND MILLER'S RIVER AT THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Draws to be thirty-six feet wide.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter three hundred, section one of chapter three hundred and one, section seven of chapter three hundred and two, and section five of chapter three hundred and three of the acts of the current year, are hereby severally amended by striking out the words "thirty-eight feet" wherever the same occur, and inserting instead thereof the words "thirty-six feet."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 23, 1870.

[1870, 800, 802.]

### 1871. — CHAPTER 82.

#### AN ACT TO CEDE JURISDICTION TO THE UNITED STATES OVER CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Jurisdiction ceded to United States of land for a post-office and sub-treasury.

SECTION 1. Jurisdiction is hereby ceded to the United States over the following described tract of additional land for the site of the new post-office and sub-treasury building in the city of Boston, when the United States shall have acquired title thereto. The said

<sup>1</sup> Accepted November 4, 1870.

additional land adjoins the tract already purchased by the United States in the block bounded by Devonshire, Water, Congress, and Milk streets, and is bounded and described as follows: beginning at the most north-westerly corner of said estate, at a point in the southerly line of Water street, said point being in the division line of property between land of the United States and land herein described, and also being the westerly corner of Water street and a common passage-way eleven feet wide; thence running eastwardly by Water street, there measuring eleven feet and one-third of an inch; thence southerly by land of the Merchants' Insurance Company, seventy-three feet and three inches; thence westwardly by land of the United States, eleven feet; thence northwardly by the same, seventy-two feet and eight and one-half inches to the point of beginning; containing eight hundred and twelve square feet, more or less, being a strip of land eleven feet wide, owned by said Merchants' Insurance Company, and over which the United States have a right of way. *provided, always*, that this commonwealth shall retain and does retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over all the lands aforesaid so far that civil and criminal processes, issuing under the authority of this commonwealth, may be executed on said land and in any buildings thereon erected, or to be erected thereon, in the same way and manner as if jurisdiction had not been granted as aforesaid: and *provided*, that the exclusive jurisdiction shall revert to and revert in the commonwealth of Massachusetts whenever said land shall cease to be used by the United States for public purposes.

State retains  
concurrent jurisdiction.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. This act shall be void unless a suitable plan of the additional land aforesaid shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth within one year after the title shall be acquired as aforesaid.

Plan to be filed  
in secretary's  
office within one  
year.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 8, 1871.

## 1871. — CHAPTER 96.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO WIDENING BEACON STREET AND ADJACENT AVENUES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of street commissioners of the city of Boston, with the concurrence of the city council of said city, may widen, within the limits of said city, the following named streets and highways, viz.: Beacon street westerly from Gloucester street, Brighton avenue north-westerly from its intersection with Beacon street, and Brookline avenue south-westerly from its intersection with Beacon street, to such width as they in their judgment shall deem to be for the common benefit of the inhabitants of said city, and said city shall pay for the land and property so taken; which highways and streets said city of Boston shall not be obliged to complete sooner than the city council of said city may deem it expedient so to do.

Street commissioners may  
widen certain  
streets.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 11, 1871.

[1872, 242.]



## 1871. — CHAPTER 159.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Water bonds of the city of Charlestown may be issued.

Proviso.

May be sold at public or private sale.

Net income to be applied to reduction of water debt.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses incurred by the city of Charlestown in the construction and extension of water works in said city, the city council of said city is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, scrip, notes, or certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face thereof, "Water bonds of the city of Charlestown," to an amount not exceeding one hundred and ten thousand dollars: *provided, however*, that the whole amount issued under this act and the acts to which this act is an addition, shall not exceed the cost of the construction and extension of said works. The said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and shall be redeemable at a period of time not less than ten nor more than thirty years from and after the issue thereof. And said city council may sell the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, at public or private sale, on such terms and conditions as said city council shall judge proper.

SECT. 2. The income derived from water rates, under the several acts authorizing the construction and extension of water works in said city, after deducting cost of maintenance, and interest on the water bonds, shall be applied to the reduction of the water debt, and shall not be used for any other purpose whatever.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 8, 1871.*

[1861, 105; 1863, 9; 1864, 176; 1865, 135; 1870, 216; 1872, 85.]

## 1871. — CHAPTER 183.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY CHARLES BURRILL THE SUM OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Boston authorized to pay Charles Burrill \$40,000.

124 Mass. 486.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Charles Burrill, of Brookline, the sum of forty thousand dollars, in satisfaction for all services rendered and money expended by him, in procuring credits upon the quota of volunteers of said city, during the war of the rebellion, in conformity to the order passed by the city council of said city, and approved September twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and may raise said sum by taxation or otherwise.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 14, 1871.*

## 1871. — CHAPTER 185.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL RESERVOIR."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Cochituate water board may lay new main pipes from reservoir.  
1865, 131.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized, by and through the agency of the Cochituate water board therein, to construct an aqueduct, or to lay new main pipes from its reservoir constructed under the provisions of the one hundred and thirty-first chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, through the

towns of Brighton and Brookline, to the city of Boston, and to continue the same into and through the city of Boston, in the manner provided in the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six; and for this purpose may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary therefor; and may construct said aqueduct, or lay said pipes, over or under any water-course, or any streets, turnpike roads, railroads, highways, or other ways, in such manner as not to obstruct or impede the travel thereon; and may enter upon and dig up any such roads, streets, or ways, for the purpose of constructing said aqueduct, or laying down said pipes beneath the surface thereof, and for maintaining and repairing the same; but always in such manner and with such care as not to render the roads, streets, and ways, unsafe or unnecessarily inconvenient to the public travel thereon. And said city of Boston, in performing said work, shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as to time, place, and manner, of digging up any streets or ways of public travel for the purpose aforesaid, and the laying of said pipes, as shall be made by the selectmen of Brighton and of Brookline, within their respective limits, for the protection of their rights of drainage and sewerage therein.

May take lands, etc.

City of Boston to be subject to reasonable regulations prescribed by Brighton and Brookline.

SECT. 2. Whenever the city of Boston shall dig up any street or way, as aforesaid, it shall restore the same to as good order and condition as the same shall be in when such digging commenced; and the city of Boston shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the town of Brighton and the town of Brookline, against all damage which may be recovered against them, respectively, and shall reimburse to them, respectively, all expenses which they shall incur by reason of any defect or want of repair in any street or way, caused by the construction of said aqueduct or the laying of said pipe, or by the maintaining or repairing of the same: *provided*, that said city shall have due and reasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury, and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto.

Streets to be restored to good order and condition.

Towns to be reimbursed by Boston for damages paid for defects in highways.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property by the taking of any land or real estate, or constructing of said aqueduct, or the laying of said pipe as aforesaid; and any person sustaining damage as aforesaid may have the same ascertained, determined, collected, and paid, in the manner which is provided in the sixth, seventh, and eighth sections of the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six.

Liability of Boston for damages for taking land.

SECT. 4. The selectmen of the town of Brighton and the selectmen of the town of Brookline may require the city of Boston, while constructing said aqueduct, or laying down said pipe, within their respective limits, to insert therein a number of hydrants, at points not less than five hundred feet apart, to be used for the purpose of extinguishing fires, and no other purpose; and the town of Brighton and the town of Brookline shall pay the expenses of keeping in repair all such hydrants as shall be so inserted, upon their respective requisitions, after the same shall have been constructed.

Hydrants to be constructed in Brighton and Brookline upon request of selectmen.

SECT. 5. This act shall not take effect until the same shall have been accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

Subject to acceptance by city council of Boston.

April 14, 1871.

[1846, 167; 1865, 131.]

<sup>1</sup> Accepted June 16, 1871.

## 1871. — CHAPTER 225.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE AND HOLD LAND, AND OTHER PROPERTY, FOR A LANDING FOR THE EAST BOSTON FERRY BOATS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Boston may take or purchase land for landing of East Boston ferry boats.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized and empowered to take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, so much of the land, flats, docks, and wharves, lying easterly of Atlantic avenue, and between Commercial wharf and India wharf, as it may deem necessary for the purposes of a landing for the East Boston ferry boats, for the erection of such buildings and other structures as may be necessary or suitable to such landing and for convenient access thereto: *provided*, that so much of said property as cannot be obtained by purchase, shall be taken by said city of Boston within two years from the passage of this act.

Description of land taken to be filed in office of register of deeds.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston shall, within sixty days from the time when it shall take any parcel or parcels of land, flats, docks, or wharves, under this act, file in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk, and cause to be recorded, a description of the property so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which it is taken, which description and statement shall be signed by the mayor of the city; and the city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons by reason of the taking of the property aforesaid; such damages to be ascertained and determined in the manner provided for ascertaining and determining damages in case of laying out, altering, or discontinuing, ways within the said city of Boston.

Liability for damages.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 27, 1871.

[1869, 155.]

## 1871. — CHAPTER 250.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT RELATING TO WEST BOSTON AND CRAGIE BRIDGES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Shoal to be dredged opposite draw-way of West Boston bridge.

SECTION 1. The commissioners designated in the sixth section of chapter three hundred and two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, are hereby authorized, for the purpose of preparing the location of a new draw in the West Boston bridge to cause to be dredged away a shoal opposite the south-westerly opening of the present draw-way in said bridge, to such an extent as the harbor commissioners shall prescribe, the expense of which dredging shall be borne in the same manner as the expense of constructing said new draw; and the cities of Boston and Cambridge shall maintain the depth of water secured by such dredging, in the same manner and according to the same terms and proportions as they are required by said act to maintain, support, manage, and keep in repair, the bridges and draws therein mentioned.

Boston and Cambridge to maintain depth of water obtained by such dredging.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 5, 1871.

[1870, 302.]

## 1871. — CHAPTER 259.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO EXTEND ATLANTIC AVENUE.

*Be it enacted, etc.*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, through its proper authorities for laying out and altering streets, is hereby authorized to lay out and build a street or streets over tide-waters between the southerly end of Atlantic avenue at Rowe's wharf, as now laid out, following the curve in Broad street from said Rowe's wharf to Packard's or Fort Hill wharf, and from thence across the wharves and docks to Federal street bridge on the easterly side thereof, or to such other points north of the aforesaid bridge as said authorities may determine; with liberty to widen said Federal-street bridge to a sufficient width for the additional travel over the same: *provided*, that said avenue shall be so constructed that the outer line thereof shall be at least three hundred feet distant from the commissioners' line on the northerly side of Fort-point channel.

Boston may extend Atlantic avenue over tide waters.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. The owners of wharves crossed by the said extension of Atlantic avenue may extend their said wharves to the commissioners' line: *provided*, they so build out within two years from the laying out of said addition to Atlantic avenue.

Owners may extend wharves to commissioners' line.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 9, 1871.

## 1871. — CHAPTER 273.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONSTRUCT A WHARF IN SOUTH BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to construct a solid wharf on its flats between M and O streets extended, on the northerly shore of South Boston, within such limits and in such manner as the board of harbor commissioners shall prescribe; subject to section four of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and chapter four hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, so far as the same may be applicable.

City of Boston may construct a wharf. P.S. 19, §§ 8, 12, 13.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 9, 1871.

## 1871. — CHAPTER 280.

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS, THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF FIRE, AND THE BETTER PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby created in the city of Boston an executive department, to be known and designated as the department for the survey and inspection of buildings, which shall have charge of enforcing the several provisions of this act. And the said department shall be provided with office room and all the necessary supplies for the proper transaction of its business.

Department for survey and inspection of buildings created.

SECT. 2. In the construction of this act, if not inconsistent with the context, the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereinafter assigned to them: —

**External wall.** "External wall" shall apply to every outer wall or vertical enclosure of a building, other than a party-wall.

**Party-wall.** "Party-wall" shall apply to every wall used, or built, as a separation of any building, from any other building with the view to the same being occupied by different persons.

**Foundation wall.** "Foundation wall" shall be understood to mean that portion of external walls below the level of the street curb, and, for walls not on any street, that portion of the wall below the level of the ground outside of the wall.

**Partition wall.** "Partition wall" shall be understood to mean any interior wall of masonry in a building.

**Tenement house.  
1873, 338.** A "tenement-house" shall be taken to mean and include every house, building, or portion thereof, which is rented, leased, let or hired out to be occupied, or is occupied as the house or residence of more than three families living independently of another, and doing their cooking upon the premises, or by more than two families upon a floor, so living and cooking, but having a common right in the halls, stairways, yards, water-closets or privies, or some of them.

**Lodging-house.** A "lodging-house" shall be taken to mean and include any house or building, or portion thereof, in which persons are lodged for hire for a single night or for less than a week at one time.

**Cellar.** A "cellar" shall be taken to mean and include every basement or lower story of any building or house, of which one-half or more of the height from the floor to the ceiling is below the level of the street adjoining.

**City council to define limits within which buildings must conform to this act.** SECT. 3. The city council of the city of Boston shall, within sixty days after the passage of this act, establish and define the limits within which all buildings thereafter erected shall conform to the provisions of this act; and said city council may, from time to time, by ordinance, extend and define the said limits as they may deem proper, due legal notice being given thereof.

**Inspector of buildings.** SECT. 4. The chief officer of the said department for the survey and inspection of buildings shall be called the inspector of buildings. He shall be appointed by the mayor, and confirmed by the city council. He shall hold office for the term of three years, or until his successor shall take office, but may be sooner removed by the city council for malfeasance, incapacity, or neglect of duty.

**Clerk and assistant-inspectors.** SECT. 5. The subordinate officers of the said department shall consist of a clerk, and such number of assistant-inspectors as the city council may, from time to time, determine, all of whom shall be appointed by the inspector, with the approval of the mayor. The assistant-inspectors and clerk shall hold office for the term of two years, but may be sooner removed by the inspector, with the approval of the mayor, for malfeasance, incapacity, or neglect of duty.

**Inspector and assistants to be able mechanics.** SECT. 6. The inspector and assistant-inspectors of the said department shall be able and experienced mechanics, competent to perform all the duties of the office to which they are appointed.

**Duties of inspector.** SECT. 7. It shall be the duty of the inspector of buildings to sign all certificates and notices required to be issued under this act from said department.

To make return of all violations, except those mentioned in section fifty, to the city solicitor for prosecution.

To have kept in proper books for that purpose a register of all transactions of said department.

To submit to the city council a half-yearly statement in detail of such transactions.

To enter upon the premises wherein any fire has occurred, if necessary, in order to investigate the origin of the fire.

And, further, to perform such other duties as are herein required of him.

He shall also have a general supervision and direction over the subordinate officers of the department.

SECT. 8. The assistant inspectors of buildings, if such officers are appointed, shall, under the direction of the inspector of buildings, attend all fires occurring in the districts to which they are respectively assigned, and report to the chief or assistant-engineer of the fire department present all information they may have relative to the construction and condition of the premises on fire, and also any such information relating to the adjoining buildings.

Assistant inspectors to attend fires and report condition of premises on fire.

SECT. 9. The inspector or assistant-inspectors shall examine all buildings in the course of erection, alteration, or repair, throughout the city, as often as practicable, and shall make a record of all violations of any of the several divisions of this act, together with the street and number where such violations are found, the names of the owner, lessee, occupants, architect and master mechanics, and all other matters relative thereto. It shall also be the duty of the inspector or assistant-inspectors to examine all buildings reported dangerous, or damaged by fire or accident, and to make a record of such examinations, including the nature and amount of such damage, with the name of the street and number of the building, the names of the owner, lessee, and for what purpose occupied, and, in case of fire, the probable origin thereof: to examine all buildings under application to raise, enlarge, alter, or build upon, and to make a record of the condition of the same. Said records shall always be open to the inspection of the engineers of the fire department, or any officer of the city.

Inspectors to examine buildings in course of erection;

— to examine buildings reported dangerous.

Records subject to inspection of engineers.

SECT. 10. In the absence of the inspector of buildings, one of the assistant-inspectors may be appointed by him to act as his deputy, with the same powers exercised by him.

If inspector is absent, assistant may be appointed his deputy.

SECT. 11. All the officers appointed under this act shall, so far as may be necessary for the performance of their respective duties, have the right to enter any building or premises in the city of Boston.

Officers may enter any building.

SECT. 12. The compensation of the officers appointed under this act shall be fixed by the city council of Boston.

Compensation.

#### REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF BUILDINGS.

SECT. 13. The following buildings and works shall be exempt from the operations of this act: —

Buildings exempt.

Bridges, quays, wharves.

Buildings belonging to, or occupied by, the government of the United States and the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECT. 14. With the exceptions hereinbefore or hereinafter mentioned, this act shall apply to all buildings hereafter erected within the building limits of the city of Boston, and to all tenement or lodging-houses, and all buildings built of brick, stone, or other non-combustible material, outside of the said limits, but within the city of Boston.

To what buildings provisions apply.

SECT. 15. Any work of alteration or addition made or done for any purpose in, to, or upon, any building, except that of necessary repairs not affecting the construction of the external or party-walls, chimneys, or stairways, of a building, shall, to the extent of such work of alteration or addition, be subject to the regulations of this act.

Alterations or additions to buildings.

SECT. 16. [No wooden or frame building shall hereafter be built within the said building limits of the city of Boston; and no wooden addition shall be made to any building within said limits which shall exceed fifteen feet in height from the ground.

No wooden or frame building to be hereafter erected. Substitute, 1872, c. 280, § 1.

No wooden building to be moved in.  
City council may authorize erection of wooden buildings outside of said limits.  
Repairs may be made upon wooden buildings already built.

No wooden building shall be moved from any lot outside of the said limits to any lot within the said limits.

The city council of the city of Boston may authorize the erection of wooden buildings outside of said limits, but within said city, upon such terms and conditions and subject to such limitations and restrictions as they may deem expedient.]

SECT. 17. It shall, however, be lawful for the owner, or other party interested, to make any necessary repairs upon any wooden or frame building already built, provided that the height of said building shall not be increased.

It shall also be lawful to substitute for a pitch roof, a flat roof covered with metal or other non-combustible material.

No building now erected, or hereafter to be erected, shall be altered, raised, roofed, enlarged, or otherwise built upon in any manner contrary to the terms of this act.

Permit for building to be obtained of inspector.  
Alterations.

SECT. 18. No building shall be erected hereafter in any part of the city of Boston, without a permit being first obtained from the inspector of buildings; and no addition or alteration to any building, subject to the regulations of this act, shall be made without a permit from said inspector; and said inspector shall designate, in all permits for the erection of new buildings, the grade below which the floor of the basement story of said building shall not be laid.

Grade.

Buildings for public assemblies.

SECT. 19. The inspector of buildings shall not give a permit for the erection of any building to be used for public assemblies, until he has carefully inspected the plans and specifications thereof, and ascertained that the building has sufficient strength, and that the means of ingress and egress are sufficient; and a copy of said specification shall be deposited in the office of said inspector. If in any case the inspector shall see fit to prohibit the erection or alteration of any building according to the plan as submitted, and such decision shall appear to the owner or architect to be unreasonable, the owner or architect shall have the right of appeal to a committee of five experts, who shall be architects, engineers, or master-builders, two of whom shall be chosen by the said owner or architect, and two by the inspector of buildings, the fifth one to be chosen by the other four, and their decision shall be final.

If inspector prohibits, owner may appeal to committee of experts.

Every building to be built of brick, stone, or iron.

SECT. 20. Every building shall be built of brick, stone, iron, or other hard and incombustible material, and with foundations resting upon the solid ground, not less than four feet below the surface exposed to frost, or upon concrete, piles, or other solid substructure.

Every wall constructed of brick, stone, or other similar substance, shall be properly bonded and solidly built with mortar or cement.

The thickness of every wall, as hereinafter determined, shall be the minimum thickness, as applied to solid walls.

The height of every external or party-wall, as referred to in this act, shall be measured from the level of the top of the foundation wall to its highest point.

Dimensions of foundation walls for dwelling-houses.

[SECT. 21.<sup>1</sup> For dwelling-houses not exceeding thirty-five feet in height, foundation walls, laid with block stone in horizontal courses, or in brick laid in cement, shall not be less than sixteen inches thick, and external and party-walls of brick shall not be less than eight inches thick.

For dwelling-houses exceeding thirty-five and not exceeding fifty-five feet in height, foundation walls laid with block stone in horizontal courses shall be not less than eighteen inches thick; if of brick the foundation must be sixteen inches thick and laid in cement. External brick-walls shall be not less than twelve inches thick; party-walls of brick not less than twelve inches thick to the top of the

second floor above the street, and not less than eight inches thick for the remaining height.

For dwelling-houses exceeding fifty-five feet in height, foundation walls laid with block stone in horizontal courses, or brick laid in cement, shall be not less than twenty inches thick, the external and party-walls not less than twelve inches thick for the entire height.

The thickness of foundation walls laid with irregular rubble work shall be one-fourth greater than the thickness given for block stone walls].

SECT. 22. [Buildings other than dwelling-houses shall have walls of the following thickness:—

Dimensions of foundation walls for buildings other than dwelling-houses.

For buildings not exceeding thirty-five feet in height the foundation walls, laid in block stone in horizontal courses, shall not be less than eighteen inches thick. The external and party-walls not less than twelve inches thick to the top of the upper floor, and not less than eight inches for the remaining height.

For buildings exceeding thirty-five and not exceeding fifty-five feet in height the foundation walls, laid in block stone, shall not be less than two feet thick. The external and party-walls not less than sixteen inches thick to the top of the highest floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height.

Repealed by 1872, 260, § 3; 1872, 371, § 1.

For buildings exceeding fifty-five feet in height the foundation walls, laid with block stone in horizontal courses, shall be not less than thirty inches thick. External and party-walls not bearing floor timbers, not less than sixteen inches thick to the top of the highest floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height. External or party-walls, bearing floor timbers, not less than twenty inches thick to the top of the second floor above the street, and not less than sixteen inches thick from the top of the second floor above the street to the top of the highest floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height.

The bottom course for all foundation walls resting upon the ground shall be, at least, twelve inches wider than the thickness above given for the foundation walls.]

SECT. 23. Piers or columns supporting walls of masonry shall have for a footing course a broad leveller, or levellers, of block stone not less than sixteen inches thick, and with a bearing surface equal in area to the square of the width of the footing course, plus one foot required for a wall of the same thickness and extent as that borne by the pier or column.

Piers or columns supporting walls of masonry.

And if the foundation of such piers or columns rests upon piles a sufficient number shall be driven to insure a proper support.

SECT. 24. Where piles are driven for a foundation, they shall be of suitable stock, and driven to a firm and solid bearing upon "hard pan," — to be ascertained by boring.

Piles for foundation.

The tops of the piles shall be cut off on a level below the natural level of the water, as it stands in the ground during the summer months.

It shall be the duty of the inspector of buildings to give the grades at which piles may be cut off.

Buildings exceeding thirty-five feet in height shall have not less than two rows of piles under all external and party-walls, and the piles shall be spaced not over three feet on centres in the direction of the length of the wall.

SECT. 25. Recesses and openings may be made in external walls, provided the thickness of the backs of such recesses be not less than eight inches, and provided the whole area of all the recesses and openings in any wall do not exceed one-half of the area of said wall.

Recesses and openings in walls.



Whenever it becomes desirable to cut a door-way through any party-wall separating two buildings, a notice of the intention to do so shall be filed with the inspector of buildings.

Any such door-way shall not exceed ten feet in height by eight feet in width, and shall have top, bottom, and sides, of stone, brick, or iron.

Door-way to be closed with iron doors.

The said door-way shall be closed by two sets of wrought-iron or metal-covered doors, hung to rebated iron frames, and separated by the thickness of the wall. And whenever such door-way ceases to be used it shall be immediately filled up with masonry.

No continuous vertical recess of more than four inches in depth shall be made in any twelve-inch party-wall, and no recess of any kind shall be made in any eight-inch party-wall.

Enclosing walls to be tied by wall irons.

SECT. 26. All the enclosing walls of a building shall be tied in by means of wall irons, built into the wall, and turned up back, not less than eight inches of brick-work, and fastened to the floor so that there shall be a continuous tie every ten feet across the building on each floor, as far as practicable.

Party-walls above the roof.

SECT. 27. All party-walls shall be built up, at least, six inches above the flat of the roof of the highest building of which such wall forms a part, for the full extent of the flat. And where there is a mansard or pitch roof the party-wall shall be built up to the under side of the roof covering, which shall be laid and imbedded in mortar upon said wall.

To be four inches of brick-work between floor timbers in same wall from opposite side.  
Exterior walls faced with stone.

SECT. 28. In all buildings hereafter built there shall be not less than four inches of solid brick-work between the floor timbers built into the same party-wall from opposite sides.

SECT. 29. Exterior walls, faced with stone, shall have a backing of not less than eight inches of hard brick-work, laid in mortar. But in no case shall the thickness of stone and backing, taken together, be less than the thickness required for a brick wall of the same height.

The stone facing of a wall shall always be securely tied to the brick backing by means of metal clamps. All brick facings must be securely tied to the backing at least every tenth course.

Stone cornice.

In all cases where a wall is finished with a stone cornice, the greatest weight of material of such cornice shall be on the inside of the face of the wall, so that the cornice shall firmly balance upon the wall.

Buildings to be roofed with slate or tin.

SECT. 30. All buildings hereafter built shall be roofed with slate, tin or other non-combustible roofing material, and all buildings shall have a scuttle not less than two by three feet, with a permanent step-ladder or flight of stairs thereto.

Chimneys.

SECT. 31. All chimneys shall be built of brick, stone, or other fire-proof non-conducting material. All brick flues shall be smoothly plastered inside with mortar from top to bottom and outside below the roofing.

Brick flues.

Brick flues, not starting from the foundation walls, shall be securely built into the brick-work of the walls to which they are hung. In no case shall chimneys rest upon any flooring without a footing of masonry or iron supported by iron beams, having a secure bearing on masonry or iron at either end.

All flues shall be topped out at least four feet above the roof of the building to which they belong. The brick topping out of chimneys shall not have more than two inches projection, unless covered by a cap of metal or stone properly secured.

Hearths of fireplaces.

Hearths of fireplaces or grates shall be laid upon brick or other trimmer arches, or upon bars of iron supporting a bed of brick-work.

No wood-work of any kind shall be placed at a less distance than

one inch from the outside brick-work of any flue. In no cases shall a nail be driven into the masonry of any flue.

SECT. 32. All buildings hereafter built within the above limits shall have proper brick, iron, or tile, drains laid with air-tight joints, with a proper pitch to the city sewer, and shall be properly entered therein. Drains to enter city sewer.

SECT. 33. All buildings built upon filled or made land shall have a bed of concrete, made of hydraulic cement and gravel, or tar and gravel, spread over the cellar bottom, or shall be paved with brick laid in cement throughout the whole extent of the building; and where there is a basement floor over the cellar bottom, leaving an air-space between the concrete and said floor, the air-space shall be ventilated by an opening into a flue in the chimney of the building. Buildings on made land to have cellar bottom covered with concrete or paved with brick laid in cement.

#### TENEMENT OR LODGING HOUSES.

SECT. 34. No house, building, or portion thereof, in the city of Boston, used, occupied, leased, or rented for a tenement or lodging house, shall continue to be so used, occupied, leased, or rented, unless the same, on the requisition of the board of health, shall conform in its construction and appurtenances to the provisions of this act. And the inspector of buildings shall see that the requisitions of the board of health in regard to the repair and alterations of tenement or lodging houses are properly carried out; and shall approve all plans for the construction of new tenement or lodging houses. If in any case the inspector shall see fit to prohibit the erection of the building according to the plan, the owner or architect shall have the right of appeal, as provided in section nineteen. Tenement or lodging houses not to be occupied unless provisions are complied with.

SECT. 35. The exterior walls of all tenement or lodging houses hereafter erected shall be of brick or stone; and those hereafter erected on streets not more than twenty feet in width shall not exceed thirty feet in height. Exterior walls of tenement-houses to be of brick or stone.

SECT. 36. Every house, building, or portion thereof, in the city of Boston, designed to be used, occupied, leased, or rented, or which is used, occupied, leased, or rented, for a tenement or lodging house, shall have in every room which is occupied as a sleeping-room, and which does not communicate directly with the external air, a ventilating or transom window, having an opening or area of three square feet over the door leading into and connected with the adjoining room, if such adjoining room communicates with the external air; and also a ventilating or transom window, of the same opening or area, communicating with the entry or hall of the house, or where this is, from the relative situation of the rooms, impracticable, such last-mentioned ventilating or transom window shall communicate with an adjoining room that itself communicates with the entry or hall. Every such house or building shall have in the roof, at the top of the hall, an adequate and proper ventilator, of a form approved by the inspector of buildings. Ventilation of tenement and lodging houses.

SECT. 37. Every such house shall be provided with a proper fire-escape, or means of escape in case of fire, to be approved by the inspector of buildings. Fire-escape.

SECT. 38. The roof of every such house shall be kept in good repair and so as not to leak, and all rain-water shall be so drained or conveyed therefrom as to prevent its dripping on ground or causing dampness in the walls, yard, or area. All stairs shall be provided with proper balusters or railings, and shall be kept in good repair. Roof to be kept tight.

SECT. 39. Every such building shall be provided with good and sufficient water-closets, earth-closets, or privies, of a construction approved by the inspector of buildings, and shall have proper doors, Water-closets, earth-closets and privies.

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traps, soil-pans, and other suitable works and arrangements, so far as may be necessary, to insure the efficient operation thereof. Such water-closets or privies shall not be less in number than one to every twenty occupants of said house; but water-closets and privies may be used in common by the occupants of any two or more houses: *provided*, the access is convenient and direct; and *provided*, the number of occupants in the houses for which they are provided shall not exceed the proportion above required for every privy or water-closet. Every such house situated upon a lot on a street in which there is a sewer, shall have the water-closets or privies furnished with a proper connection with the sewer, which connection shall be in all its parts adequate for the purpose, so as to permit entirely and freely to pass whatever enters the same. Such connection with the sewer shall be of a form approved by the inspector of buildings, and all such water-closets and vaults shall be provided with the proper traps, and connected with the house-sewer by a proper tight pipe, and shall be provided with sufficient water and other proper means of flushing the same; and every owner, lessee, and occupant, shall take due measures to prevent improper substances from entering such water-closets or privies or their connections, and to secure the prompt removal of any improper substances that may enter them, so that no accumulation shall take place, and so as to prevent any exhalations therefrom, offensive, dangerous, or prejudicial, to life or health, and so as to prevent the same from being or becoming obstructed. No cesspool shall be allowed in or under or connected with any such house, except when it is unavoidable, and in such case it shall be constructed in such situation and in such manner as the inspector of buildings may direct. It shall in all cases be water-tight, and arched or securely covered over, and no offensive smell or gases shall be allowed to escape therefrom, or from any privy or privy-vault. In all cases where a sewer exists in the street upon which the house or building stands, the yard or area shall be so connected with the same that all water, from the roof or otherwise, and all liquid filth shall pass freely into it. Where no sewer exists in the street, the yard or area shall be so graded that all water, from the roof or otherwise, and all filth, shall flow freely from it and all parts of it, into the street gutter, by a passage beneath the sidewalk, which shall be covered by a permanent cover, but so arranged as to permit access to remove obstructions or impurities.

Cesspool.

Cellars and underground rooms used as dwellings.

SECT. 40. From and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful, without a permit from the board of health or superintendent of health, to let or occupy, or suffer to be occupied separately as a dwelling, any vault, cellar, or underground room, built or rebuilt after said date, or which shall not have been so let or occupied before said date. And it shall not be lawful, without such permit, to let or continue to be let, or to occupy, or suffer to be occupied, separately as a dwelling, any vault, cellar, or underground room, whatsoever, unless the same be in every part thereof at least seven feet in height, measured from the floor to the ceiling thereof, nor unless the same be for at least one foot of its height above the surface of the street or ground adjoining or nearest to the same, nor unless there be outside of and adjoining the said vault, cellar, or room, and extending along the entire frontage thereof, and upwards from six inches below the level of the floor thereof, up to the surface of the said street or ground, an open space of at least two feet and six inches wide in every part, nor unless the same be well and effectually drained by means of a drain, the uppermost part of which is one foot at least below the level of the floor of such vault, cellar, or room, nor unless there is a clear space of not less than one foot below the level of the

floor except where the same is cemented, nor unless there be appurtenant to such vault, cellar, or room, the use of a water-closet or privy, kept and provided as in this act required, nor unless the same have an external window-opening of at least nine superficial feet clear of the sash-frame, in which window-opening there shall be fitted a frame filled in with glazed sashes, at least four and a half superficial feet of which shall be made so as to open for the purpose of ventilation: *provided, however*, that in case of an inner, or back vault, cellar, or room, let or occupied along with a front vault, cellar, or room, as a part of the same letting or occupation, it shall be a sufficient compliance with the provisions of this act, if the front room is provided with a window as herein before provided, and if the said back vault cellar, or room is connected with the front vault, cellar, or room by a door, and also by a proper ventilating or transom window, and, where practicable, also connected by a proper ventilating or transom window, or by some hall or passage, or with the external air: *provided, always*, that in any area adjoining a vault, cellar, or underground room, there may be steps necessary for access to such vault, cellar, or room if the same be so placed as not to be over, across, or opposite to, said external window and so as to allow between every part of such steps and the external wall of such vault, cellar, or room, a clear space of six inches at least, and if the rise of said steps is open: and *provided, further*, that over or across any such area there may be steps necessary for access to any building above the vault, cellar, or room, to which such area adjoins, if the same be so placed as not to be over, across, or opposite to, any such external window.

*Provided.*

*Provided.*

*Provided.*

SECT. 41. From and after the passage of this act, no vault, cellar, or underground room, in any tenement or lodging house, shall be occupied as a place of lodging or sleeping, except the same shall be approved in writing, and a permit given therefor by the board of health or superintendent.

Cellars not to be occupied for lodging, etc., except by permission of board of health.

SECT. 42. Every tenement or lodging house shall have the proper and suitable conveniences or receptacles for receiving garbage and other refuse matters. No tenement or lodging house, or any portion thereof, shall be used as a place of storage for any combustible article, or any article dangerous to life or detrimental to health; nor shall any horse, cow, calf, swine, pig, sheep, or goat be kept in said house.

Receptacle for garbage and other refuse matters.

SECT. 43. Every tenement or lodging house, and every part thereof, shall be kept clean and free from any accumulation of dirt, filth, garbage, or other matter, in or on the same, or in the yard, court, passage, area, or alley, connected with or belonging to the same. The owner or keeper of any lodging-house, and the owner or lessee of any tenement-house, or part thereof, shall thoroughly cleanse all the rooms, passages, stairs, floors, windows, doors, walls, ceilings, privies, cesspools, and drains thereof of the house, or part of the house, of which he is the owner or lessee, to the satisfaction of the board of health, so often as shall be required by or in accordance with any regulation or ordinance of said city, and shall well and sufficiently, to the satisfaction of said board, whitewash the walls and ceilings thereof twice at least every year, in the months of April and October, unless the said board shall otherwise direct. Every tenement or lodging house shall have legibly posted or painted on the wall or door in the entry, or some public accessible place, the name and address of the owner or owners and of the agent or agents, or any one having charge of the renting and collecting of the rents for the same; and service of any papers required by this act, or by any proceedings to enforce any of its provisions, or of the acts relating

Tenement houses to be kept clean.

Walls and ceilings to be white washed twice a year.

to the board of health, shall be sufficient, if made upon the person or persons so designated as owner or owners, agent or agents.

Keeper of lodging-house and owner of tenement to give free access to officers;

—to give notice of contagious diseases, etc.

SECT. 44. The keeper of any lodging-house, and the owner, agent of the owner, lessee and occupant of any tenement-house, and every other person having the care or management thereof, shall at all times, when required by any officer of the board of health, or by any officer upon whom any duty or authority is conferred by this act, give him free access to such house and to every part thereof. The owner or keeper of any lodging-house, and the owner, agent of the owner, and the lessee of any tenement-house, or part thereof, shall, whenever any person in such house is sick of fever, or of any infectious, pestilential, or contagious, disease, and such sickness is known to such owner, keeper, agent, or lessee, give immediate notice thereof to the board of health, or to some officer of the same, and thereupon said board shall cause the same to be inspected, and may, if found necessary, cause the same to be immediately cleansed or disinfected at the expense of the owner, in such manner as they may deem necessary and effectual; and they may also cause the blankets, bedding, and bedclothes, used by any such sick person to be thoroughly cleansed, scoured, and fumigated, and in extreme cases to be destroyed.

Board of health may cause premises to be vacated when unfit for habitation.

SECT. 45. Whenever it shall be certified to the board of health by the superintendent, that any building, or part thereof, is unfit for human habitation, by reason of its being so infected with disease as to be likely to cause sickness among the occupants, or by reason of its want of repair has become dangerous to life, said board may issue an order, and cause the same to be affixed conspicuously on the building, or part thereof, and to be personally served upon the owner, agent, or lessee, if the same can be found in this state, requiring all persons therein to vacate such building for the reasons to be stated therein as aforesaid.

Such building, or part thereof, shall, within ten days thereafter, be vacated; or within such shorter time, not less than twenty-four hours, as in said notice may be specified; but said board, if it shall become satisfied that the danger from said house, or part thereof, has ceased to exist, may revoke said order, and it shall thenceforward become inoperative.

Tenement-house, etc., not to be used until regulations are complied with.

SECT. 46. No house hereafter erected shall be used as a tenement-house or lodging-house, and no house heretofore erected, and not now used for such purpose, shall be converted into, used, or leased for, a tenement or lodging house, unless in addition to the requirements herein before contained, it conforms to the requirements contained in the following sections.

Distances requisite between walls of tenement-houses and other buildings.

SECT. 47. It shall not be lawful hereafter to erect for, or convert to the purposes of, a tenement or lodging house, a building on the front of any lot where there is another building on the rear of the same lot, unless there is a clear, open space, exclusively belonging to the front building and extending upwards from the ground, of at least ten feet between said buildings, if they are one story high above the level of the ground; if they are two stories high, the distance between them shall not be less than fifteen feet; if they are three stories high, the distance between them shall be twenty feet; and if they are more than three stories high, the distance between them shall be twenty-five feet. At the rear of every building hereafter erected for or converted to the purposes of a tenement or lodging house on the back part of any lot, there shall be a clear open space of ten feet between it and any other building. But when thorough ventilation of such open spaces can be otherwise secured,

said distances may be lessened or modified in special cases, by a permit from the inspector of buildings.

SECT. 48. In every such house hereafter erected or converted, every habitable room, except rooms in the attic, shall be in every part not less than eight feet in height from the floor to the ceiling; and every habitable room in the attic of any building shall be at least eight feet in height from the floor to the ceiling, throughout not less than one-half the area of such room. Every such room shall have at least one window connecting with the external air, or over the door a suitable ventilator, connecting it with a room or hall which has a connection with the external air. The total area of window in every room communicating with the external air shall be equal to at least one-tenth of the superficial area of every such room; and the top of one at least of such windows shall not be less than seven feet and six inches above the floor, and the upper half of each window shall be so made as to open for the purposes of ventilation. Every habitable room of a less area than one hundred superficial feet if it does not communicate directly with the external air, and is without an open fireplace, shall be provided with special means of ventilation by a separate air-shaft extending to the roof, or otherwise as the inspector of buildings may prescribe.

Height of rooms.

Windows.

Ventilation for rooms that do not communicate with open air.

SECT. 49. Every such house hereafter erected or converted, shall have adequate chimneys running through every floor, with an open fireplace or grate, or place for a stove, properly connected with one of said chimneys, for every family set of apartments. It shall have proper conveniences and receptacles for ashes and rubbish; it shall have water furnished at one or more places in such house, or in the yard thereof, so that the same may be adequate and reasonably convenient for the use of the occupants thereof. It shall have the floor of the cellar properly cemented, so as to be water-tight. The halls on each floor shall open directly to the external air with suitable windows, and shall have no room or other obstruction at the end, unless sufficient light or ventilation is otherwise provided for said halls, in a manner approved by the inspector of buildings.

Fireplace for every family.

Receptacles for ashes, etc.

Cellar-floor to be cemented.

[SECT. 50.<sup>1</sup> The inspector of buildings, with the approval of the board of health, shall have authority to make other regulations as to cellars and as to ventilation, consistent with the foregoing, where he shall be satisfied that such regulations will secure equally well the health of the occupants. All complaints of violations of sections forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, and forty-five, of this act shall be made only by authority of the board of health.]

Inspector, with approval of board of health, may make other regulations.

#### DANGEROUS STRUCTURES.

[SECT. 51.<sup>2</sup> If any building or parts of a building, staging, or other structure, in the city of Boston, shall, from any cause, be reported dangerous or unsafe, and to endanger life and limb, it shall be the duty of the inspector of buildings to inspect such structure, and if, in his opinion, the same be dangerous, he shall cause a description of such dangerous structure, with street and number, to be entered in the books of the department for the survey and inspection of buildings.

Dangerous structures to be inspected.

[SECT. 52. The inspector of buildings shall immediately serve a notice in writing upon the owner, agent, or other party having an interest in said structure, requiring the same to be made safe and secure, or removed, as may be necessary.

Owners to be notified.

If the person so served with notice shall certify his or their assent

<sup>1</sup> Repealed. St. 1872, c. 260, § 4, substituted.

<sup>2</sup> Sections fifty-one to fifty-eight, inclusive, repealed by St. 1873, c. 298, § 26.

Proceedings in case building is not secured or removed.

to the securing or removing of the said unsafe or dangerous structure, he or they shall be allowed until twelve o'clock noon of the day following the service of such notice, in which to commence the securing or removal of the same, and he or they shall employ sufficient labor to remove or secure the said structure as expeditiously as can be done. But upon his or their refusal or neglect to comply with the requirements of said notice so served, then a careful survey of the premises named in said notice shall be made by the inspector of buildings, the city engineer, and a person appointed by the owner or other interested party. And if the owner or other interested party shall refuse to appoint such surveyor, the other two shall proceed to make the survey, and in case of disagreement they shall call in a third person.

The report of such survey shall be reduced to writing, and entered in the books of the department for the survey and inspection of buildings, and a copy served upon the owner or other interested party.

Building to be taken down or made safe.

[SECT. 53. Whenever the report of any such survey, had as aforesaid, shall cite the structure as unsafe or dangerous to life and limb, the inspector of buildings shall, upon the continued refusal or neglect of the owner or other interested party, cause such unsafe or dangerous structure to be taken down or otherwise made safe, and the cost and charges shall become a lien upon the said estate, to be collected according to law, but without prejudice to the right which the owner thereof may have to recover the same from any lessee, or other person liable for the expense of repairs: *provided*, that nothing herein shall authorize the recovery by the lessor of the lessee of the cost of any charges which have been rendered necessary through the default or negligence of the lessor, or through want of repair or defects existing in said premises at the commencement of the lease.

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Penalty for not taking down building.

[SECT. 54. Upon the citation of any structure as unsafe or dangerous by the inspector of buildings, if the owner or other interested party, being notified thereof in writing, shall refuse or neglect to cause the said structure to be taken down or otherwise made safe, said owner or other interested party shall be liable, for every day's continuance of said refusal or neglect, to the penalty of a sum not less than ten nor exceeding fifty dollars, said sums to be recoverable as debts are now by law recoverable.

Parties aggrieved may apply for a jury.

[SECT. 55. Any owner or other interested person aggrieved by any such order may, within three days after the service thereof upon him, apply for a jury, to the superior court, if sitting in the county, or to any justice thereof in vacation. The court or justice shall issue a warrant for a jury, to be impanelled by the sheriff within fourteen days from the date of the warrant, in the manner provided in chapter forty-three of the general statutes relating to highways.

Jury to return verdict to next term of court.

[SECT. 56. The jury may affirm, annul, or alter, such order; and the sheriff shall return the verdict to the next term of the court for acceptance, and being accepted, it shall take effect as an original order.

Costs.

[SECT. 57. If the order is affirmed, costs shall be taxed against the applicant. If it is annulled, the applicant shall recover damages and costs against the city. If it is altered in part, the court may render such judgment as to costs, as justice may require.

Penalty may be enforced if order is not annulled by jury.

[SECT. 58. Nothing contained in the three preceding sections shall be construed to bar the right of the city to recover the penalty enacted in section fifty-four for the continuance of the refusal or neglect of the owner or other interested party to cause the structure in question to be taken down, or otherwise made safe, unless the said order shall be annulled by the jury; but in default of such annul-

ment, the city shall have the right to recover said penalty from the day of the original notice, as enacted in said section.]

#### HOIST-WAYS.

[SECT. 59.<sup>1</sup> The lessee or occupant of any warehouse, store, or manufactory, or other building in which there are hoist-ways, or other openings besides the usual stair-ways, shall cause the same to be securely closed at the close of each day. And in case any such building is occupied, then the owner thereof shall cause any such openings to be kept securely closed.] Hoist-ways to be closed at night.

#### PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

[SECT. 60.<sup>2</sup> From and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for the owners or lessees of any public hall or place of amusement in the city of Boston to obstruct, or to allow to be obstructed by others, any of the aisles or passage-ways in the auditorium of said halls or places of amusement, by placing therein any benches, chairs, stools, or other articles that may prevent free egress, during the hours that said places may be open to the public. Passage-ways not to be obstructed in places of amusement.

And the said owners, lessees, or their agents, are hereby required to keep open all doors giving access to such places of amusement, when used by the public, unless such doors open outwards, and except that fly-doors, opening both ways, may be kept closed.

For any neglect or violation of the above provisions of this act, a Penalty. penalty of one hundred dollars shall be imposed upon the owner, lessee, or other occupant, of said places of amusement.]

#### COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

SECT. 61. No building situated or hereafter erected within the building limits of the city of Boston, occupied in part or in whole as a dwelling, shall have any hay, straw, hemp, flax, shavings, burning-fluid, turpentine, camphene, or any inflammable oil, or any other combustible material, stored therein, or kept on sale, except in such quantities as shall be provided for by law or by a city ordinance. Dwelling-houses not to have combustible materials stored therein.

#### PENALTIES.

SECT. 62. If any person or persons, whether owner or owners, contractor or contractors, shall erect, construct, build, or alter, so as to make it substantially a new building, any dwelling-house or other building within the city of Boston, without first obtaining a permit from the office of the inspector of buildings, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each and every offence; and if any person or persons as aforesaid shall proceed to complete any such building without having the same inspected as required, or shall fail to have the walls thereof built of the thickness required by this act, or otherwise fail to comply with its provisions, he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each and every offence, and the further sum of one hundred dollars for each and every calendar month that said house or building shall be suffered to remain without the necessary inspection and the procuring of the proper certificates. These sums shall be recoverable as debts are now by law recovered. Penalties.

If, upon inspection, it shall appear that the work upon any building is going on in violation of any of the provisions of this act, the

<sup>1</sup> Repealed. St. 1872, c. 280, § 5, substituted.

<sup>2</sup> Repealed by St. 1876, c. 60, § 4.



inspector of buildings shall forthwith notify the owner or owners, contractor or contractors, of such violation, and if, after such notice, the said parties, or any or either of them, shall proceed in the erection or construction of such building, it shall be lawful, after due notice in writing, setting forth the said violation particularly, for the supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, either in term time or vacation, to issue forthwith an injunction restraining such person or persons from further progress in said work until the facts of the case shall have been investigated and determined; and if it shall appear to the said court upon such investigation, that such building does not in all respects conform to the provisions of this act, said court, besides enforcing the penalty herein before designated, shall issue an injunction to restrain the continuance of the work and to remove so much of the said building as may be decreed by the court, within such time as the court may appoint.

**Repeal.**

SECT. 63. Chapter one hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty, chapter two hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and chapter one hundred and sixteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

*May 12, 1871.*

[1872, 260, 371; 1873, 4, 298, 338; 1876, 69, 176; 1877, 84; 1882, 101, 252; 1883, 155, 173, 251; 1884, 223.]

### 1871. — CHAPTER 340.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF WEST ROXBURY TO IMPROVE STONY BROOK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

**May exercise powers granted under 1868, 223; 1870, 220.**

SECTION 1. The city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury, for the preservation of the public health, as well as for sewerage purposes, may exercise the powers granted by chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and by chapter two hundred and twenty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy.

**Repeal.**

Section eight of chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight is hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*May 25, 1871.*

[1868, 223; 1870, 220; 1874, 196.]

### 1872. — CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO REVISE THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

**Majority of members to constitute a quorum in common council.**

Section thirty-four of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, is hereby amended by striking out the words, "and twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business;" and inserting instead thereof

the words, "and a majority of all the members of the common council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

February 8, 1872.

[1854, 448.]

1872. — CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SPEED OF VESSELS PROPELLED BY STEAM  
IN BOSTON AND CHARLESTOWN HARBORS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. No vessel propelled by steam shall, either in Boston harbor or Charlestown harbor, pass within one hundred yards of any wharf, at greater speed than at the rate of five miles an hour.

Steam vessels  
not to pass  
wharves faster  
than five miles  
an hour.  
Penalties.

SECT. 2. The master, pilot, and engineer, of any vessel violating the provisions of this act, shall severally be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECT. 3. The owner of any vessel violating the provisions of this act shall pay to any person suffering damage thereby, the full amount of such damage, to be recovered in an action of tort.

Damages.

February 10, 1872.

1872. — CHAPTER 55.

AN ACT IN ADDITION "TO AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRAW IN CHARLES  
RIVER BRIDGE."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The draw required in Charles river bridge, under the provisions of chapter two hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, shall have a clear opening of thirty-six feet in width, instead of forty-four feet as provided in said act.

Draw in Charles  
river bridge to  
have clear open-  
ing of thirty  
six feet.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 28, 1872.

[1874, 259.]

1872. — CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY OF  
CHARLESTOWN WITH PURE WATER."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses incurred by the city of Charlestown in the construction and extension of water works in said city, the city council of said city is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, scrip, notes, or certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face thereof, "Water bonds of the city of Charlestown," to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars: *provided, however,* that the whole amount issued under this act and the acts to which this act is an addition, shall not exceed the cost of the construction and extension of said works. The said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and shall be redeemable at a period of time not less than ten nor more than thirty years from and after the issue thereof. And said city council may sell the same or any part thereof, from time to time, at public or private sale, on such terms and conditions as said city council shall judge proper.

"Water bonds  
of the city of  
Charlestown,"  
not to exceed  
\$100,000.

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Income from water rates in excess of cost of maintenance and interest to be applied to reduction of debt.

SECT. 2. The income derived from water rates under the several acts authorizing the construction and extension of water works in said city, after deducting cost of maintenance, and interest on the water bonds, shall be applied to the reduction of the water debt, and shall not be used for any other purpose whatever.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 9, 1872.

[1861, 105; 1863, 9; 1864, 176; 1865, 135; 1870, 216; 1871, 159.]

## 1872. — CHAPTER 177.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO OBTAIN AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF PURE WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Boston may take water from Sudbury river and Farm pond.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized, by and through the agency of the Cochituate water board, to take, hold, and convey to, into, and through, said city, all the water of Sudbury river, so called, said water to be taken at any point or points within the town of Framingham, or higher up on said river, and the water of Farm pond, so called, in said town of Framingham, and the waters which may flow into and from said river and pond, and to take any water rights in or upon said river or pond, in or above the town of Framingham, or connected therewith.

May take lands for preserving the purity of water, etc.

Said city may also take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, in connection with the said sources of supply, any lands and real estate necessary for increasing or preserving the purity of the water, or for laying, building, and maintaining, aqueducts, water-courses, reservoirs, dams, buildings, machinery, and other structures and appliances, with their accessories, for conducting, elevating, purifying, storing, discharging, disposing of, and distributing, water; and may also take and hold any land, excepting any in the town of Framingham heretofore taken or purchased by any railroad company, on the margin of said sources of supply, not exceeding five rods in width from the high-water line of said river, storage, reservoirs, or pond, so far as may be necessary, in the opinion of said Cochituate water board, for the preservation and purity of the same, for the purpose of furnishing a supply of pure water for the city of Boston.

May build permanent aqueducts to connect with reservoirs.

SECT. 2. For the purposes of this act, the said city may make and build one or more permanent aqueducts from the aforesaid water sources to Chestnut Hill reservoir, so called, or to any other reservoir owned by said city, and secure and maintain the same by any works suitable therefor; may connect the said water sources with Lake Cochituate; may erect and maintain dams, or may increase the height of, and strengthen and maintain, existing dams to raise the water above the same, or to form storage reservoirs; may make and maintain reservoirs within and without said city; may erect and maintain buildings and machinery for elevating the water, and lay down pipes for conducting the same; may build and maintain filters, or other means of purifying the water. And the said city may, for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct any aqueduct, or other work, by it to be made and constructed, under or over any water-course, or any street, turnpike-road, railroad, highway or other way, in such manner as not to unnecessarily obstruct or impede travel thereon; and may enter upon and dig up any such road, street, or way, for the purpose of laying down pipes beneath the surface thereof, and for maintaining and repairing the same; and, in general, may do any other acts and things necessary or convenient and proper for the pur-

May connect water sources with Lake Cochituate.

May build filters, etc.

May enter upon and dig up streets for laying down pipes.

poses of this act. Said city of Boston in entering upon and digging up any such road, street or way of public travel, shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as shall be made by the selectmen of the towns wherein such work shall be performed, for the protection of their rights of drainage and sewerage therein.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston is hereby further authorized, by and through the agency of said Cochituate water board, if said board shall deem expedient, to store and distribute water for maintaining and equalizing the flow of water in the river selected by said city as its source of supply, or in the rivers into which said river may discharge, and for this purpose said city may take and hold such land and real estate as may be necessary for building and maintaining dams, reservoirs or other structures and appliances, for storing and discharging water. And the said city may, through the same agency make and build such dams, reservoirs and other structures and appliances, at any point or points upon the said Sudbury river, and upon any and all streams flowing into the same.

May take lands for building dams and reservoirs.

SECT. 4. Nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the city of Boston to reduce the water in Sudbury river below a sufficient height to maintain at all times a running stream therein, which shall flow at least one and one-half million gallons a day for each and every day in the year, or to draw from Farm pond or Sudbury river into Lake Cochituate when the water runs over the dam at Lake Cochituate, or to prevent the inhabitants of the towns of Framingham, Ashland, Southborough, Hudson, and Westborough, from taking from the Sudbury or Assabet rivers or Farm pond so much of the water hereby granted as shall be necessary for extinguishing fires, and for all ordinary domestic and household purposes, and for the generation of steam, or from cutting and carrying away ice from said pond, or as to prevent the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, or the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company, or the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company, from taking water from Farm pond, for use in locomotive or other engines, or for other railroad purposes, under such regulations of the city council of the city of Boston as may be essential for the preservation of the purity of the same.

Restrictions as to amount of water to be taken from Sudbury and Assabet rivers and Farm pond.

1875, 168.

SECT. 5. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property, by the taking of or injury to any land, real estate, water, or water-rights, or by the flowage of the lands of any persons, or by the interference with or injury to any use or enjoyment of the water of said river to which any person, at the time of such taking, is legally entitled, or by any other doings under this act; and in regard to such taking, injury, interference and flowage, and the ascertainment and payment of all such damages, the said city of Boston, and all persons claiming damages, shall have all the rights, immunities, and remedies, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and regulations, which are provided in the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, and the three hundred and sixteenth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty.

Liability for damages.  
130 Mass. 339,  
452,  
133 Mass. 367.

120 Mass. 352.

SECT. 6. Whenever the city of Boston shall dig up any street or way, as aforesaid, it shall restore the same in as good order and condition as the same shall be in when such digging commenced; and the city of Boston shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless the several towns within which such street or way may be, against all damages which may be recovered against them respectively, and shall reimburse to them all expenses which they shall incur by reason of any defect or want of repair in any street or way caused by the construction of any of said works, or laying of said pipes, or by the maintaining or

Streets to be restored to good order and condition.  
Boston liable for defects, etc.

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repairing the same: *provided*, that said city shall have due and reasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury, and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto.

Penalties for maliciously diverting water or rendering it impure.

SECT. 7. If any person or persons shall wantonly or maliciously divert the water, or any part hereof, of any of the rivers, ponds, streams, or water sources, which shall be taken by the city, pursuant to the provisions of this act, or shall corrupt the same, or render it impure, or destroy or injure any dam, aqueduct, pipe, conduit, hydrant, machinery, or other property, held, owned, or used, by the said city, by the authority and for the purposes of this act, every such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the said city three times the amount of the damages that shall be assessed therefor, to be recovered by any proper action. And every such person or persons may, moreover, on indictment and conviction of either of the wanton and malicious acts aforesaid, be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by confinement to hard labor in the state prison for a term not exceeding ten years.

City may supply certain towns with water.

SECT. 8. The city of Boston is authorized, if said city shall deem it expedient so to do, to supply the towns of Framingham, Newton, West Roxbury, Brighton, and Brookline, or either of them, with water, in such quantities, under such conditions, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon between said city and said towns, or either of them; and such towns shall respectively have power to distribute the water so supplied among the inhabitants of said towns.

Water for state normal school buildings in Framingham.

SECT. 9. The commonwealth may take and convey water from said Sudbury river, or any of the reservoirs to be constructed by said city, to and for the use of the state normal school buildings, in said town of Framingham.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[1875, 168.]

April 8, 1872.

## 1872.—CHAPTER 197.

### AN ACT TO ANNEX MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Mount Hope cemetery annexed to Boston.

SECTION 1. All that territory lying in the town of West Roxbury, being the property of the city of Boston, and known as Mount Hope cemetery, with the inhabitants and estates therein, is hereby annexed to and made a part of the city of Boston, and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Suffolk, subject to the same municipal regulations, obligations, and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities in all respects as the said city. The said territory is bounded as follows: beginning at the north-west corner of Back and Walk Hill streets, on the boundary line between the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury as it existed before the passage of this act; thence running north-westerly by the south-westerly line of Walk Hill street to a private way leading along the north-westerly boundary of Mount Hope cemetery from Walk Hill street to Canterbury street; thence south-westerly by the south-easterly line of said private way, to Canterbury street; thence south-easterly on the division line between Mount Hope cemetery and land of Samuel Whittemore, to an angle in said line; thence again south-westerly by the north-westerly boundary line of Mount Hope cemetery to a private way leading from Canterbury street to Berry street; thence south-easterly by the north-easterly line of said private way to the

Boundaries of territory annexed.  
R.O. c. 42.

division line between Mount Hope cemetery and Mount Calvary cemetery; thence north-easterly by the said division line between Mount Hope cemetery and Mount Calvary cemetery, to an angle in said line; thence south-easterly by the same to Back street; and thence north-easterly by the north-westerly line of Back street, being the boundary line between said city of Boston and said town of West Roxbury, as it existed before the passage of this act, to the point of beginning.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 12, 1872.

[1849, 150.]

## 1872. — CHAPTER 242.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE ASSESSMENT OF BETTERMENTS IN BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of street commissioners of the city of Boston may assess betterments on estates abutting on streets laid out, extended, or widened, in said city, under the provisions of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, chapter seventy-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and chapter ninety-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, within one year from the time when the streets so laid out, widened, or extended, are graded and opened to public travel.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 23, 1872.

[1869, 448; 1870, 79; 1871, 96.]

## 1872. — CHAPTER 260.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS, THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF FIRE, AND THE BETTER PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section sixteen of chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof: —

No wooden or frame building shall hereafter be built within the said building limits of the city of Boston, except as hereinafter provided, and no wooden addition shall be made to any building within said limits, which shall exceed fifteen feet in height from the ground to the highest part thereof, or which shall exceed five hundred superficial feet in area; and not more than one wooden addition shall be allowed to be built to any building within the said building limits. No wooden building shall be moved from any lot outside of the said limits to any lot within the said limits.

Wooden buildings not to be erected within building limits  
123 Mass. 372.

It shall be lawful to erect wooden or frame sheds, for storage or other purposes, upon wharves within the building limits of the city of Boston, upon the following conditions, namely: — Every such shed shall not exceed twenty-seven feet in height from the level of the wharf to the peak or highest point thereof. It shall be located and constructed in such a manner as the inspector of buildings may direct, and the roof and other external parts thereto shall be covered with non-combustible material, to be approved by said inspector.

Wooden buildings not to be moved within limits.  
Sheds may be erected upon wharves

City council  
may authorize  
erection of  
elevators.

The city council of Boston may authorize the erection, within the building limits, of elevators for grain or coal to a height greater than twenty-seven feet, and of sheds for the storage of lumber and for mechanical purposes. The inspector of buildings may grant the privilege of erecting temporary sheds, at building sites, for the use of builders.

Amendment of  
1871, 290, § 21.

The city council of the city of Boston shall have control and direction of the building of wooden buildings outside of said limits, but within said city, and may authorize such buildings upon such terms and conditions as they may deem expedient.

SECT. 2. Section twenty-one of said chapter two hundred and eighty is amended by inserting the words "with walls" after the words "dwelling-houses," wherever they occur.

[SECT. 3.<sup>1</sup> Section twenty-two of said chapter two hundred and eighty is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof: —

Dimensions of  
walls for build-  
ings other than  
dwelling-  
houses.

Buildings other than dwelling-houses, shall have walls of the following thickness: —

For buildings in which the walls do not exceed thirty-five feet in height, the foundation walls, laid in block stone in horizontal courses, shall not be less than eighteen inches thick; the external and party-walls not to be less than twelve inches thick to the top of the upper floor, and not less than eight inches thick for the remaining height.

For buildings in which the walls exceed thirty-five and do not exceed fifty-five feet in height, the foundation walls, laid in block stone, shall not be less than two feet thick; the external and party-walls not less than sixteen inches thick to the top of the highest floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height.

For buildings in which the walls exceed fifty-five feet in height, the foundation walls, laid with block stone in horizontal courses, shall be not less than thirty inches thick; external and party-walls, not bearing floor timbers, not less than sixteen inches thick to the top of the highest floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height; external or party-walls, bearing floor timbers, not less than twenty inches thick to the top of the second floor, above the street, and not less than sixteen inches thick from the top of the second floor above the street to the top of the highest floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height.

The bottom course for all foundation walls resting upon the ground shall be at least twelve inches wider than the thickness above given for the foundation walls.

Reduction of  
breadth may be  
permitted by  
inspector.

In case the great solidity of the foundation will warrant it, the inspector may, at his discretion, permit a reduction of the maximum breadths of foundation walls. And in case of disagreement between the architect or owner, and the inspector, the matter shall be decided by reference, as provided in section nineteen.]

Repeal of 1871,  
290, § 50.

SECT. 4. Section fifty of said chapter two hundred and eighty is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof: —

Regulations as  
to cellars and  
ventilation of  
tenement-houses  
may be made by  
board of health.

The board of health shall have authority to make other regulations as to cellars and the ventilation of tenement-houses. The municipal court of the city of Boston, the municipal court of the Dorchester district, and the municipal court of the southern district, shall have jurisdiction, concurrent with the superior court, of all offences against sections forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, and forty-five, of chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and every person violating any of these sections shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not

<sup>1</sup> Substitute, St. 1872, c. 371, § 1.

exceeding three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

All complaints of violations of sections forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, and forty-five, of this act shall be made only by authority of the board of health.

SECT. 5. Section fifty-nine of said chapter two hundred and eighty is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof: —

Repeal of 1871,  
280, § 50.

In any store or building in Boston, in which there shall exist or be placed any hoist-way, elevator, or well-hole, the openings thereof through and upon each floor of the said building shall be provided with, and protected by, a good and substantial railing, and such good and sufficient trap-doors with which to close the same, as may be directed and approved by the inspector of buildings; and such trap-doors shall be kept closed at all times except when in actual use by the occupant or occupants of the building having the use and control of the same. For any neglect or violation of the provisions of this section a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars for each and every offence may be imposed upon the owner, lessee, or occupant, of said building.

Hoist-ways to be  
surrounded by  
railing and kept  
closed when not  
in use.

April 25, 1872.

[1871, 280; 1872, 371; 1873, 298; 1876, 69, 176; 1882, 101, 252; 1883, 155.]

## 1872. — CHAPTER 267.

### AN ACT TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN BROOKLINE AND BOSTON, AND FOR SANITARY PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the town of Brookline and the city of Boston is hereby changed and established as follows: *First*, beginning at the stone post in the present boundary line on the northerly side of Washington street in Brookline, and running generally north-easterly in the centre of Muddy river about four hundred and fifty-five feet; thence north thirty-eight degrees east, parallel to the easterly side of Brookline avenue and eighty-five feet distant therefrom, eight hundred feet to a corner; thence turning a right angle to the west and running one hundred and forty-five feet to the north-westerly side of Brookline avenue; thence north-easterly along the side of said avenue five hundred and fifty feet; thence north-westerly about eighty feet to the centre of Muddy river: *Second*, beginning in the centre of Muddy river at a point on the southerly side of Longwood avenue bridge, and running south fifty-five minutes west, six hundred and ten feet to the centre of said river: *Third*, beginning at the corner of the present boundary line in the centre of Charles river, and running easterly on the centre line of said river forty feet; thence southerly along the easterly side of Saint Mary's street to Ivy street; thence south-easterly along the easterly line of Saint Mary's street extended, parallel to the present boundary line and forty feet distant therefrom, to the centre of Muddy river; thence south-westerly along said centre about forty-one feet to the present boundary corner. This third change is made by running a line parallel to and forty feet from and easterly of the present boundary line between Charles river and Muddy river. The bearings herein given are the magnetic bearings. The new boundary line is laid down on a plan thereof made by George Tyler, civil engineer, and signed by the selectmen of Brookline, which is deposited in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

Boundary line  
changed  
between Brook  
line and Boston

SECT. 2. The town of Brookline and the city of Boston may erect

Brookline and  
Boston may



erect and maintain dam with tide-gate across Muddy river.

and maintain a dam, with a tide-gate therein, across Muddy river at its intersection with Brookline avenue in Boston, near the street now or formerly called Appleton place, for the purpose of preventing the tide from flowing up said river. If the city of Boston shall refuse or neglect, after thirty days notice, to unite with the town of Brookline in erecting said dam and tide-gate, the town of Brookline may erect and maintain the same at its own expense.

Waters may be diverted so as to flow more directly to Charles river.  
1873, 260.

SECT. 3. The town of Brookline and the city of Boston may divert the waters of Muddy river, above said dam, so as to make them flow in a more direct line to Charles river, through the lands of any person or corporation, as they shall adjudge to be necessary for the public convenience or the public health. If the city of Boston shall refuse or neglect, after thirty days notice, to unite with the town of Brookline in diverting said waters, the town of Brookline may divert said waters where the same are exclusively within the limits of said town.

If waters are diverted, lands may be filled to new line.

SECT. 4. In case said waters of Muddy river shall be diverted as aforesaid, the owners of lands bordering upon said river may fill up said lands and the ancient channel of Muddy river, to the borders of the new line of said river.

Proceedings to be same as in case of laying out town ways.

SECT. 5. For any of the purposes of this act the land or real estate of any person or corporation may be taken, and the proceedings in erecting said dam and tide-gate, and in diverting Muddy river, shall be the same in all respects as in the laying out of town ways; and all persons or corporations suffering damage in their property by reason of the erection of said tide-gate and dam, or by the diversion of Muddy river, shall have the same rights and remedies for the ascertainment and recovery of the amount of such damages as in the case of laying out of town ways.

Payment of taxes.

SECT. 6. The territory and the inhabitants thereon hereby set off from the city of Boston to the town of Brookline shall be holden to pay all such taxes as are already assessed or ordered to be assessed by said city of Boston for the present year, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed; and all paupers who have gained a settlement in said city of Boston by a settlement gained or derived within said territory, shall be relieved or supported by said town of Brookline, in the same manner as if they had a legal settlement in said town of Brookline.

Election of state and national officers.

SECT. 7. The inhabitants of the territory hereby set off to the town of Brookline shall continue to be a part of Boston for the purpose of electing state officers and members of the executive council, senators and representatives to the general court, representatives to congress, and electors of president and vice-president of the United States, until the next decennial census or until another apportionment shall be made; and it shall be the duty of the selectmen of Brookline to make a true list of the persons residing on the territory hereby set off, qualified to vote at such elections, and post up the same in said territory, and correct the same as required by law, and deliver the same to the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, seven days at least before any such election, and the same shall be taken and used by the mayor and aldermen of Boston for such election, in the same manner as if it had been prepared by themselves.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 27, 1872.*

## 1872. — CHAPTER 303.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO SIDEWALKS IN CITIES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of mayor and aldermen in any city may grade and construct sidewalks, and complete any partially constructed sidewalk in any street of such city, as the public convenience may require, with or without edgestones, as said board shall deem expedient, and may cover the same with brick, flat stones, concrete, gravel, or other appropriate material, and may assess upon the abutters on such sidewalks, in just proportions, not exceeding one-half of the expense of the same; but all assessments so made shall constitute a lien upon the abutting land, and be collected in the same manner as taxes on real estate are now collected, and such sidewalks, when constructed with edgestones and covered with brick, flat stones, or concrete, shall afterwards be maintained at the expense of such city. When any such sidewalk shall be permanently constructed with edgestones, and covered with brick, flat stones, or concrete, as aforesaid, there shall be deducted from the assessment therefor any sum which shall have been previously assessed upon the abutting premises, and paid to the city for the expense of the construction of the same in any other manner than with edgestones and with brick, flat stones, or concrete, as aforesaid; and such deduction shall be made *pro rata*, and in just proportions from the assessments upon different abutters, who, at the time of such assessments are owners of the estate which at the time of such former assessments was the estate of the abutters who had previously paid such former assessments.

Sidewalks may be constructed in cities and portion of expense assessed upon abutters.

SECT. 2. In estimating the damage sustained by any party by the construction of sidewalks as aforesaid, there shall be allowed, by way of set-off, the benefit, if any, to the property of the party by reason thereof.

Damages.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECT. 4. This act shall not take effect in any city unless accepted by the city council thereof.<sup>1</sup>

Subject to acceptance by city council.

May 8, 1872.

## 1872. — CHAPTER 322.

## AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Section three of chapter three hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty-five" and inserting in place thereof the word "ten" wherever it occurs in said section, and by striking out all after the word "therein" in said section. And whenever the city council shall request the board of street commissioners to furnish the estimated cost of laying out, altering, or discontinuing, any street, lane, or alley, in said city, said board shall furnish such estimates within sixty days thereafter; and whenever the city council shall adjudge that the public safety and convenience require that any street, lane or alley in the said city shall be laid out, altered, or discontinued, and shall by a two-thirds vote of the members of each

Amendment of 1870, 337.

Street commissioners to furnish to city council estimates of cost of laying out streets.

To lay out, etc., streets, when directed by two-thirds vote of each branch of city council.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted by the city council, May 24, 1872.

branch thereof, direct the said board of street commissioners to lay out, alter, or discontinue, any such street, lane, or alley, said board shall forthwith proceed so to lay out, alter, or discontinue, such street, lane, or alley, under the provisions of this act.

May 4, 1872.

[1870, 337.]

## 1872. — CHAPTER 342.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FREIGHT RAILROAD COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Union Freight  
Railroad Com-  
pany incor-  
porated.

SECTION 1. George B. Upton, Percival L. Everett, Henry S. Russell, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Union Freight Railroad Company, for the purpose of locating, constructing, maintaining, and operating, a railroad, for public use in the conveyance of freight only, with convenient single or double tracks, between the terminal points of the several steam railroads entering the city of Boston, and extending in and through such portions of the following streets as may be necessary for that purpose, namely : Lowell, Brighton, Causeway, Minot, Nashua, Commercial, Prince, Hanover, Fleet, India, Broad, Atlantic avenue, Federal, Kneeland, Cove, Lincoln, and Eliot, streets, and upon and over such other streets as the board of aldermen of said city may from time to time determine, on the petition of the said corporation ; with the right also to construct, use, and maintain, side tracks from its main tracks to any wharf or wharves or warehouses, when requested, in writing, so to do by a majority in interest of the owners or occupants of such wharves or warehouses : *provided, however*, that no side track shall be laid upon a public street to any wharf or warehouse, without the approval of the board of aldermen ; and *provided, also*, that the rails for said tracks shall be of such pattern, suitable for railway freight cars in common use, as the board of aldermen may prescribe. Said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, set forth in all general laws which now are, or hereafter may be, in force relating to street railway corporations, and to other railroad corporations, so far as the same may be applicable.

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Proviso.

Other railroads  
may connect  
tracks for trans-  
portation of  
freight.

Repealed by  
1876, 229

Cars may be  
drawn by steam  
power during  
the night.

Rates of freight  
may be fixed by  
company.

Amended by  
1876, 229.

Company may  
enter upon and  
use tracks of

SECT. 2. [Every railroad corporation by whose road said Union Freight Railroad passes, may, in the manner prescribed by said board of aldermen, connect its tracks with the same for the transportation of freight ; and every such railroad corporation is empowered to make such connections ; and in making such connections said railroad corporations shall have all the powers and be subject to all the liabilities set forth in the sixty-third chapter of the general statutes, and in the laws supplemental thereto ; and it shall be the duty of said Union Freight Railroad Company to receive and deliver freight cars at each of said connections, and to haul the same over its road at its established rates. The cars on said road may be drawn during the night by steam power, subject to the regulations of said board of aldermen.]

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the power to fix and collect such tolls for the transportation of freight as they may from time to time deem expedient : *provided*, that said rates shall only be sufficient to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses of said corporation, and to pay a dividend of five per centum semi-annually upon the actual cost of the construction and equipment of its road.

SECT. 4. Said corporation may, within its authorized limits, and for the purposes of this act, enter upon and use any part of the

tracks of any other street railroad, and may suitably strengthen and improve such tracks; and if the corporations cannot agree upon the manner and conditions of such entry and use, or the compensation to be paid therefor, the same shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the thirty-eighth section of chapter three hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

other street  
railroads.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

Capital stock.

SECT. 6. Said corporation shall, within four months from the passage of this act, take the tracks, or any part thereof, of the Marginal Freight Railway Company, subject to the laws relating to the taking of land by railroad companies and the compensation to be made therefor.

To take tracks of  
Marginal  
Freight Railroad  
Company.  
106 U.S. 13.

SECT. 7. Chapter one hundred and seventy of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled an act to incorporate the Marginal Freight Railway Company, and so much of chapter four hundred and sixty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as relates to said Marginal Freight Railroad Company, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECT. 8. The corporate powers conferred by this act shall cease, unless within one year from the date of its passage the Union Freight Railroad Company shall have constructed a track or tracks, in suitable condition for use, in accordance with the terms of this act, connecting one or more of the steam railroads on the northerly side of the city of Boston with one or more of the steam railroads on the southerly side of said city: *provided*, however, that the board of railroad commissioners may at their discretion extend the time herein allowed for building the road, for a further period not exceeding one year, on sufficient cause shown.

Tracks to be  
constructed,  
etc., within one  
year.

Proviso.

SECT. 9. The provisions of this act, and the franchise, rights, power, privileges, duties, and liabilities, of the corporation established under this act, may be altered, amended, or repealed, and the legislature may annul or dissolve said corporation.

Franchise of  
corporation  
may be annulled  
by legislature.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 6, 1872.

[1873, 235; 1876, 229.]

## 1872. — CHAPTER 371.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS, THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF FIRE, AND THE BETTER PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter two hundred and sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two is amended so that the same shall read as follows:—

Amendment to  
1872, 260, § 3.  
1873, 298, § 1.

Buildings other than dwelling-houses shall have walls of the following thickness:—

Walls of build-  
ings, other than  
dwelling-  
houses.

For buildings in which the walls do not exceed thirty-five feet in height, the foundation walls shall be laid of block stone in horizontal courses not less than twenty-four inches thick, the external walls shall not be less than sixteen inches thick to the top of the upper floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height.

For buildings in which the walls exceed thirty-five feet in height, the foundation walls shall be laid of block stone in horizontal courses not less than twenty-eight inches thick, the external walls not less

1876, 176.

than twenty inches thick to the top of the third floor, and not less than sixteen inches thick for the remaining height.

All party-walls shall be not less than twenty inches thick to the top of the second floor above the street, and not less than sixteen inches thick to the underside of the roof boards, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height.

In all buildings over twenty-five feet in width, not having either brick partition walls, or girders supported by columns running from front to rear, the external walls shall be increased four inches in thickness, for every additional twenty-five feet in the width of said building.

The amount of materials above specified for external walls may be used either in piers or buttresses, provided the external walls between the said piers or buttresses shall in no case be less than sixteen inches thick.

The bottom course for all foundation walls resting upon the ground shall be at least twelve inches wider than the thickness above given for the foundation walls.

Amendment to  
1871, 280, § 21.  
Walls of dwelling-houses.

1883, 155.

SECT. 2. Section twenty-one of chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one is amended so that the same shall read as follows: For dwelling-houses with walls not exceeding thirty-five feet in height, foundation walls, laid with block stone in horizontal courses, or in brick laid in cement, shall not be less than sixteen inches thick, and external and party-walls of brick shall be not less than twelve inches thick for the entire height.

For dwelling-houses with walls exceeding thirty-five and not exceeding fifty-five feet in height, foundation walls laid with block stone in horizontal courses shall be not less than eighteen inches thick; if of brick, the foundation shall be sixteen inches thick, and laid in cement. External brick walls shall be not less than twelve inches thick; party-walls of brick shall be not less than twelve inches thick for the entire height.

For dwelling-houses with walls exceeding fifty-five feet in height, foundation walls, laid with block stone in horizontal courses, or brick laid in cement, shall be not less than twenty inches thick for the entire height.

The thickness of foundation walls laid with irregular rubble work shall be one-fourth greater than the thickness given for block-stone walls.

Height of external or party wall to be measured from level of sidewalk to its highest point.

External walls of stables and workshops.

Vaulted party-walls.

SECT. 3. The height of every external or party wall, as referred to in this act, or in the act of which this act is an amendment, or in any act in amendment thereof, shall be measured from the level of the sidewalk to its highest point.

SECT. 4. The external walls of buildings intended to be used for stables or for workshops of a light character may be built of a less thickness than herein before specified: *provided*, that any such building shall not exceed thirty feet in height to its highest point, and forty feet in length or width, and that the said walls shall in no case be less than twelve inches thick. Vaulted party-walls may be used instead of solid walls. They shall be built at least twenty inches thick from the foundation walls to the underside of the roof building. Said walls shall be constructed of two outer walls of equal thickness, with an air-space between them of four inches, and tied together perpendicularly with continuous withes of hard-burned brick of good quality, which shall be not more than three feet apart. The air-space shall be smoothly plastered.

In every brick wall every ninth course shall be a

SECT. 5. In every brick wall, every ninth course of brick shall be a heading course, except in walls built with some bond in which as

much as every ninth course is a heading course, and except where walls are faced with face brick, in which case every ninth course shall be bonded into the backing by cutting the course of the face brick, and putting diagonal headers behind the same, or by splitting face brick in half, and backing the same by a continuous row of headers. In all walls which are faced with thin ashlar, anchored to the backing, or in which the ashlar has not either alternate headers and stretchers in each course, or alternating heading and stretching courses, the backing of brick shall not be less than twelve inches thick, and shall not be built to a greater height than prescribed for twelve-inch walls. All heading courses shall be good, hard, perfect brick. The backing in all walls, of whatever material it may be composed, shall be of such thickness as to make all walls, the facing of which is less than four inches thick, independent of the facing, conform, as to thickness, with the requirements of sections one and two of this act.

heading course,  
except, etc.  
1873, 298, § 2.

Walls faced  
with thin ashlar.

Heading  
courses.  
Backing of  
walls.

SECT. 6. Every building hereafter erected, more than thirty feet in width, except churches, theatres, railroad-station buildings, and other public buildings, shall have one or more brick or stone partition walls running from front to rear, and carried up to a height not less than the top of the second-story floor-joists; said wall or walls may be four inches less in thickness than is called for by the provisions relating to the thickness of walls: these walls shall be so located that the space between any two of the floor-bearing walls of the building shall not be over twenty-five feet. Iron or wooden girders, supported upon iron or wooden columns, may be substituted in place of partition-walls, and shall be made of sufficient strength to bear safely the weight which they are intended to support, in addition to the weight of material employed in their construction, and shall have a footing course and foundation wall not less than eighteen inches in thickness, or piers of a size and strength equivalent thereto.

Partition walls  
of brick or stone  
in every build-  
ing more than  
thirty feet wide,  
except churches,  
etc.  
1873, 298, § 3.

SECT. 7. It shall not be lawful to erect, construct, or build, any rear, front, party, division, or partition wall, upon wooden girders, rafters, or lintels, or to support any such wall by any wooden support whatever; but all such supports shall be of iron, brick, or stone, and of sufficient size and strength to support the superstructure. All lintels used to support walls or other weights over openings shall be of sufficient strength and bearing to carry the superimposed weight, and shall, when supported at the end by brick walls or piers, rest upon an iron plate at least two inches thick, the full size of the bearing.

All walls to be  
erected upon  
supports of iron,  
brick or stone.  
1873, 298, § 4.

No floor-beams shall be supported wholly upon any wood partition, but every beam (except headers and tail-beams) shall rest, at one end, not less than four inches in the wall, or upon a girder, as authorized by this act. And every trimmer or header, more than four feet long, used in any building except a dwelling, shall be hung in stirrup-irons, of suitable thickness for the size of the timbers. No timber shall be used in any wall of any building, where stone, brick, or iron is commonly used, except bond timbers and lintels, as herein before provided for, or as may be approved of by the inspector of buildings; and no bond timber in any wall shall, in width and thickness, exceed that of a course of brick. No bond timber shall be more than three feet in length, and such bond timbers shall be laid not less than eighteen inches apart, parallel to each other, and there shall be eight inches of brick or mason work between the ends of the same. The butts or ends of all floor-beams and rafters entering a brick wall shall be cut on a splay of three inches in their width.

Floor-beams not  
to be wholly  
supported upon  
wooden parti-  
tions.  
Trimmers.

Bond timbers.

All main partitions, supporting in any manner the floor-beams of rafters, shall be placed directly over each other, and shall rest on a wall, girder, or hard-pine capping, and shall head and foot against each other as far as practicable.

Main partitions,  
supporting the  
floor, to be  
placed over each  
other.

Piers to be of good hard brick, and laid in clear cement.

SECT. 8. All piers shall be built of good, hard, well-burnt, brick, and laid in clear cement, and all bricks used in piers shall be of the hardest quality, and be well wet when laid; [and the walls and piers under all compound, cast-iron, or wooden girders, iron or other columns, shall have a bond iron at least two inches in thickness, and if in a wall, at least two feet in length, running through the wall, and if in a pier, the full size of the thickness thereof, every thirty inches in height from the bottom, whether said pier is in the wall or not, and shall have a cap of iron at least two inches in thickness, satisfactory to the inspector of buildings, by the whole size of the pier, if in a pier, and, if in a wall, it shall be at least two feet in length, by the thickness of the wall, and of the thicknesses above specified. All brick walls in buildings, other than dwelling-houses, shall be corbelled to receive floor-timbers, and such timbers shall be supported thereby. In case vaulted walls are used, the corbelling to receive floor-timbers may be dispensed with. In any case where any iron or other column rests on any wall or pier built entirely of stone or brick, the said column shall be set on an iron plate at least two inches thick, of the size of said pier; when any outer wall is supported in whole or in part by columns or pillars, the depth of base and head of such columns or pillars shall be equal to the required thickness of the wall thereby supported.]

Brick walls in buildings other than dwelling-houses shall be corbelled to receive floor-timbers.  
Vaulted walls.

Outer walls supported by columns or pillars.

Mode of calculating the strength of materials to be used in building.

SECT. 9. In all calculations for the strength of materials to be used in any building, the proportion between the safe weight and the breaking weight shall be as one to three, for all beams, girders, and others pieces subjected to a cross strain, and as one to six, for all posts, columns, and other vertical supports, and for all tie-rods, tie-beams, and other pieces subjected to a tensile strain; and the requisite dimensions of each piece of material is to be ascertained by computation by the rules given by the best authorities, using for constants in the rules only such numbers as have been deduced from experiments on materials of like kind with that proposed to be used.

Side, end, or party walls not to be carried up in advance of rear walls.  
Walls to be anchored to each other.

SECT. 10. In no case shall the side, end, or party, wall of any building be carried up in advance of the rear walls. The front, rear, side, end, and party, walls of any building hereafter to be erected, shall be anchored to each other every ten feet in their height, by tie-anchors, made of at least one and a quarter inch by three-eighths of an inch wrought-iron. The said anchors shall be built into the side or party walls not less than thirty-six inches; and into the front and rear walls at least one-half the thickness of the front and rear walls; so as to secure the front and rear walls to the side, end, or party, walls.

The side, end, or party, walls shall be anchored at each tier of beams, at intervals of not more than ten feet apart, with good, strong, wrought-iron anchors, at least one-half inch by one and one-half inch, well built into the side walls, and fastened to the top of the beams; and where the beams are supported by girders, the ends of the beams resting on the girder shall be butted together, end to end, and strapped by wrought-iron straps or tie-irons, at the same distances apart, and in the same beams as the wall anchors, and shall be well fastened.

Mortar.

All mortar shall be of the best quality for the purpose for which it is applied.

Party-walls to be carried up not less than two and one-half feet above the roof-covering.

SECT. 11. All party-walls shall be carried up to a height of not less than two and one-half feet above the roof-covering, with the full thickness of the party-wall, and shall be coped with stone or iron securely fastened. And where there is a flat, hip, or pitch, roof, the party-wall shall be carried up to a height of not less than two and

one-half feet above the roof covering, at every part of said roof, and shall be corbelled at least twelve inches, or to the outer edge of all projections on the front or rear walls of the building. And where the roof is of the kind known as Mansard, or French, or of any style excepting as above specified, unless the same is constructed of fire-proof materials throughout, the party-wall shall be carried up to a height of not less than two and one half feet above the flat or upper slope of said roof, and shall extend through the lower slope, at least eighteen inches distant from and parallel with the roof covering, and be corbelled out at least twelve inches, or to the outer edge of all projections, and shall be coped with stone or iron: *provided*, that if a gutter-stone of suitable dimensions and properly balanced shall be inserted, it shall be equivalent to corbelling.

Mansard or  
French roofs.

All roof or floor timbers entering at the same party-wall from opposite sides, shall have at least four inches solid brick-work between the ends of said timbers.

SECT. 12. All stores or storehouses that may hereafter be built in said city, which are more than forty-five feet in height above the curb level, shall have doors, blinds, or shutters, made of fire-proof metal, on every window and entrance where the same do not open on a street. When in any such building the shutters, blinds, or doors, cannot be put on the outside of such door or window, they shall be put on the inside, and if placed on the inside they shall be hung upon an iron frame independent of the wood-work of the window-frame or door; and every such door, blind, or shutter, shall be closed upon the completion of the business of each day by the occupant having the use or control of the same; and all fire-proof shutters or blinds, that now are or may hereafter be put upon the front or sides of any building on the street fronts, must be so constructed that they can be closed and opened from the outside above the first story.

Fire-proof shutters in all stores more than forty-five feet in height, where windows do not open on a street.

Shutters to be closed at close of business for the day.

[SECT. 13.<sup>1</sup> All buildings hereafter erected to be used for railroad stations, public assemblies, school-houses, hotels, lodging or tenement houses, and manufactories, where there are to be more than twenty-five persons resident, assembled, or employed, above the first floor, shall be provided with staircases of, and enclosed with, non-combustible materials, and of a width to be approved by the inspector of buildings, and provided with doors opening outwards.]

Staircases in school-houses, etc., to be made of non-combustible materials.

SECT. 14. Any building already erected, or that may hereafter be erected, in which operatives are employed in any of the stories above the second story, shall be provided with such fire-escapes as shall be directed and approved by the inspector of buildings. And the owner or owners of any building upon which any fire-escapes may now be, or may hereafter be, erected, shall keep the same in good repair and well painted. And no person shall at any time place any incumbrance of any kind whatever upon any said fire-escapes now erected, or that may hereafter be erected, in said city.

Fire-escapes to be provided in buildings where operatives are employed.

SECT. 15. All buildings in the city of Boston, hereafter to be built, shall have scuttle-frames and covers, or bulkheads and doors on the roof, made of, or covered with, some fire-proof material, and all scuttles shall have stationary ladders leading to the same, and all such scuttles or ladders shall be kept so as to be ready for use at all times, and all scuttles shall not be less in size than two by three feet; and if a bulkhead is used or substituted in any building in place of a scuttle, it shall have stairs with a sufficient guard or hand-rail leading to the roof; and in case the building shall be a tenement-house, the door in the bulkhead, or any scuttle, shall at no time be locked, but may be fastened by movable bolts or hooks.

Scuttle-frames and covers, in all buildings in Boston, to be fire-proof.

SECT. 16. No smoke-pipe in any building with wooden or com-

Regulations concerning smoke-pipes.

<sup>1</sup> Substitute, 1873, 298, § 6.



1873, 293, § 7.

**Furnaces.****Hot-air registers.****Ranges and boilers.**

Owner of building in Boston to be notified by inspector if chimney, etc., is unsafe.

**Penalty.**

bustible floors and ceilings shall hereafter enter any flue, unless the said pipe where it enters the flue shall be at least twelve inches from either the floors or ceilings; and in all cases where smoke-pipes pass through stud or wooden partitions of any kind, whether the same be plastered or not, they shall be guarded by a soapstone ring, not less than four inches in thickness, and extend through the partition.

In all cases where hot-water, steam, hot-air, or other, furnaces are used, the furnace smoke-pipe must be kept at least two feet below the beams or ceiling above the same, unless said beams or ceiling shall be properly protected by a shield or tin plate suspended at least one inch below said beams or ceiling above said smoke-pipe; and the top of all furnaces set in brick must be covered with brick, supported by iron bars, and so constructed as to be perfectly tight; said covering to be in addition to and not less than six inches from the ordinary covering to the hot-air chamber. If, however, there is not height enough to build the furnace top at least four inches below the floor-beams or ceilings, then the floor-beams must be trimmed around the furnace, and said covering, and the trimmers and headers, must be at least four inches from the same. The top of every portable furnace not set in brick shall be kept at least one foot below the beams or ceiling, with a shield of tin plate, made tight, and suspended not less than one inch below the said beams or ceilings, and extended one foot beyond the top of the furnace on all sides. All hot-air registers hereafter placed in the floor of any building shall be set in soapstone borders not less than two inches in width. All soapstone borders to be firmly set in plaster of Paris or gauged mortar. All floor register boxes to be made of tin plate, with a flange on the top to fit the groove in the soapstone, the register to rest upon the same. There shall also be an open space of one inch on all sides of the register box, extending from the underside of the ceiling, below the register, to the soapstone in the floor; the outside of said space to be covered with a casing of tin plate, made tight on all sides, to extend from the underside of the ceiling up to and turn under the said soapstone. Registers of fifteen by twenty-five inches or more, shall have a space of two inches. No wood-work shall be placed at a less distance than one-inch from any tin or other metal flue or flues, pipe or pipes, used or intended to be used to convey heated air in any building, unless protected by a soapstone or earthen ring or tube, or a metal casing so constructed as to permit free circulation of air around said pipes or flues. In all cases where hot-water, steam, hot-air, or other, furnaces or ranges, are hereafter placed, or their location changed, in any building, due notice shall first be given to the inspector of buildings, by the person or persons placing said furnace or ranges in said building.

In all cases where ranges or boilers are set the outside of the flue to the same shall be plastered on the outside directly upon the bricks up to the ceiling of the room.

SECT. 17. If any chimney, flue, or heating apparatus on any premises in the city of Boston, shall, in the opinion of the inspector of buildings, be dangerous or unsafe by reason of endangering the premises by fire or otherwise, the inspector shall at once notify in writing the owner, agent, or other party having an interest in said premises, and shall require him to make the same safe; and upon neglect of said person so notified to comply with the provisions of said notice, for a period of twenty-four hours after the service of said notice upon him, he shall at once become liable to a penalty of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for every day's continuance of said unsafe structure.

SECT. 18. All boiler or engine rooms hereafter constructed in any building other than dwelling-houses, shall be constructed of brick and iron, and shall be so arranged that all openings between the said boiler or engine room, and other parts of the building in which it is placed, shall be closed by iron or metal covered doors, which shall be securely closed at the close of each day.

Boiler-rooms  
and engine-  
rooms.  
1873, 296, § 8.

Upon a license being granted by the mayor and board of aldermen of the city of Boston for the erection of a steam-boiler, engine, or furnace for melting glass, iron, or other metal, in any building in the said city, the person or persons receiving said license shall, before setting, erecting, or placing, said boiler, engine, or furnace, file an application for a permit therefor with the inspector of buildings, who shall prescribe such regulations for the setting or placing thereof as the public safety may require; and no person or persons shall erect, set or place any boiler, engine, furnace, or oven, without a permit from said inspector.

All flues for ranges, boilers, furnaces, and ovens, shall be of brick-work, eight inches in thickness, to a height of twenty-five feet above such ranges, boilers, furnaces, or ovens.

Flues for ranges,  
boilers, etc.

SECT. 19. No Mansard or other roof shall be constructed more than one story in height, nor more than twenty feet in height from the upper floor of the building upon which it is placed to the highest part of said roof, unless the same is constructed of fire-proof material throughout. No bay-window shall be constructed of wood, which shall extend more than three feet above the second story from the street.

No roof to be  
more than one  
story in height.

Bay-windows  
made of wood.

All the exterior parts of any building or buildings hereafter erected which are more than forty-five feet above the level of the sidewalk, shall be made of or covered with non-combustible material, to be approved by the inspector of buildings. All fire-proof cornices shall be well secured to the walls with iron anchors, independent of any wood-work; and in all cases the walls shall be carried up to the planking of the roof, and, where the cornice projects above the roof, the wall shall be carried up to the top of the cornices, and all exterior wooden cornices that shall hereafter require to be replaced shall be constructed of some non-combustible material, as required for new buildings; and all exterior wooden cornices or gutters that may hereafter be damaged by fire shall be taken down, and if replaced shall be constructed of fire-proof material.

Exterior walls  
of buildings  
more than forty-  
five feet above  
sidewalk to be  
of non-combus-  
tible materials.

Cornices.

All buildings hereafter erected shall be kept provided with proper metallic leaders for conducting the water from the roof to the ground, sewer, or street gutter, in such manner as shall protect the walls and foundations from damage; and in no case shall the water from the said leaders be allowed to flow upon the sidewalk, but shall be conducted by drain pipe or pipes, to the street gutter or sewer.

Metallic leaders  
for conducting  
water from roof  
to the ground.

SECT. 20. [All buildings hereafter erected, the eaves of which exceed sixty feet in height above the level of the sidewalk, shall have the roofs thereof constructed in a fire-proof manner, as hereinafter specified. But the total height of such buildings, exclusive of chimneys and party-walls, shall not exceed seventy-five feet.

Roofs to be  
made fire-proof  
in all buildings  
where the eaves  
are sixty feet  
above the side-  
walk.

All joists, beams, rafters, purlins, jack-rafters, plates, struts, ties, arches, shall be made of cast or wrought iron, or some other metal, stone, brick, cement, mortar, or other incombustible material, and covered with corrugated iron, sheet or cast iron, tin, zinc, or other metal, or slate, stone, brick, cement, mortar, or other incombustible material.

Repealed by  
St. 1873, c. 298,  
§ 9.

All structures or projections above or outside of the roof, such as domes, cupolas, pavilions, towers, spires, pinnacles, buttresses, lanterns, louvres, luthern and dormer windows, skylights, scuttles, ven-

Buildings not to be raised or built upon in violation of provisions of this act.

Alterations in buildings to be made subject to approval of inspector.

Referees to settle questions which arise between inspector and owner.

tilators, cornices, gutters, shall be made, constructed, framed, and covered, with cast or wrought iron, tin, copper, zinc, or other metal, or stone, slate, brick, cement or mortar, or other incombustible material.]

SECT. 21. No building already erected, or hereafter to be built, in said city shall be raised or built upon in such manner that were such building wholly built or constructed after the passage of this act it would be in violation of any of the provisions of this act. And before any building built of stone, brick, or iron, or any wooden building with or without a brick front, in any part of said city, shall be enlarged, raised, altered, or built upon, the same shall be first examined by the said inspector to ascertain if the building or buildings, or either of them, are in a good and safe condition to be enlarged, raised, altered, or built upon; and no such buildings as aforesaid shall be enlarged, raised, altered, or built upon, until after such examination and decision; and the decision of said inspector under such examination shall be final and conclusive in the premises, except as hereinafter provided, and shall be made without delay.

SECT. 22. The inspector of buildings shall have full power to pass upon any question, arising under the provisions of this act, relative to the manner of construction, or materials to be used in the erection, alteration, or repair, of any building in the city of Boston, and he may require that plans of the proposed erection, alterations, or repairs, shall be submitted for inspection before issuing his permit: *provided, however*, that should any question arise between the inspector of buildings and the owner or architect of any building, or should the owner or architect object to any order or decision of said inspector, the matter shall be referred to a committee of three persons, who shall be either architects or master-builders, one to be chosen by the inspector of buildings, one by the owner or other interested party, and these two shall choose a third, and the decision of these referees, submitted in writing, shall be final and conclusive in the premises.

#### PENALTIES.

Penalties for violation of provisions of this act.

1871, 290.

1872, 298, § 10.

SECT. 23. If any person or persons, whether owner or owners, contractor or contractors, builder or builders, shall begin to erect, construct, build, or alter, any building or structure within the city of Boston, without first obtaining a permit from the inspector of buildings of said city, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each and every such offence; and if any person, or persons, as aforesaid, shall proceed to complete any building or structure in the city of Boston, without having the same inspected as by law required, or shall violate any or either of the provisions of this act, or of the act of which this act is an amendment thereof, for the violation of which no other penalties are therein or herein before provided, he or they shall forfeit and pay not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars for each and every such violation, and the further sum of one hundred dollars for each and every week that he or they shall maintain any building or structure in violation of any provision of this act, or of the act of which this act is an amendment, or of any other act in amendment thereof. All penalties under this act shall be recoverable by the city of Boston in an action of tort. If any person or persons, whether owner or owners, contractor or contractors, builder or builders, shall erect or alter any building or structure in the city of Boston, in violation of any or either of the provisions of this act, or of the act of which this act is an amendment, or of any amendment thereof, it shall be lawful for the supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, either in term

Penalties may be recovered in an action of tort.

time or in vacation, to issue forthwith an injunction restraining such person or persons from further progress in said work, until the facts of the case shall have been investigated and determined; and if it shall appear to said court or to any justice thereof, upon such investigation, that such building or structure does not in all respects conform to the provisions of this act, and of the act of which this act is an amendment, and of all amendments thereof, said court or justice shall issue an injunction to restrain the continuance of the work upon such building or structure, and shall order the removal, within a time to be fixed by said court or justice, of so much of said building or structure as may be decreed by said court or justice to be in violation of the provisions of this act, or of the act of which this act is an amendment, or of any act in amendment thereof.

Injunction may be issued by supreme judicial court.

SECT. 24. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the passenger-stations of the Boston and Lowell, and Boston and Providence, railroad corporations, now in process of erection in the city of Boston; but such precautions shall be provided for protection against, and for the extinguishment of, fire, under the penalties of this act, as the inspector of public buildings shall require.

Provisions not to apply to passenger-stations of Boston and Lowell, and Boston and Providence, railroad corporations.

SECT. 25. The inspector and assistant inspectors of the department for the survey and inspection of buildings in the city of Boston shall be able and experienced architects, builders, or mechanics, competent to perform all the duties of the office to which they are appointed, and such inspectors shall not be employed or engaged in any other vocation, or be interested in any contract or contracts for building or for furnishing materials.

Inspector to be competent to perform duties, and not to be engaged in any other business.

SECT. 26. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

December 14, 1872.

[1871, 280; 1872, 260; 1873, 298, 338; 1876, 69, 176; 1882, 101, 252; 1883, 155, 173.]

## 1872. — CHAPTER 377.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRADE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall establish in said city a grade not less than twelve feet above mean low water; and no person shall, in said city, after such grade is established, construct any cellar or basement cellar of any dwelling-house or other building below such grade, or use or occupy any cellar or basement cellar constructed below the same: *provided*, that the board of aldermen may, by license, subject to revocation at any time by them, authorize cellars to be constructed in buildings used exclusively for storage or business purposes, so much below said grade as they shall designate in each license.

Grade of twelve feet above mean low water to be established in Boston.

S. & O. p. 147.

*Providio.*

SECT. 2. If any person constructs, uses, or occupies, any cellar or basement cellar in violation of section one of this act, said board of aldermen shall order the owner or occupant of such cellar or basement cellar to so alter and construct it as to conform to the requirements of said section; and if such owner or occupant fails to comply with such order within ten days after service thereof, as provided by the following section, said board shall so alter such cellar or basement cellar, and all necessary expenses incurred thereby shall constitute a lien upon the land wherein such cellar or basement cellar is constructed, and upon the buildings upon such land, and may be collected in the manner provided by law for the collection of taxes upon

*Penalty.*

real estate ; and the city treasurer of said city may purchase such land or land and buildings, in behalf of said city.

Orders to be made in writing.

Supreme judicial court may restrain by injunction, etc.

SECT. 3. All orders under the preceding section shall be made in writing, and served upon said owners or occupants or their authorized agents, as prescribed by section nine of chapter twenty-six of the general statutes, for the service of orders of boards of health ; and the supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, in term time or vacation, may by injunction or other suitable process in equity, restrain any person or corporation from constructing, using, or occupying, any cellar or basement cellar in violation of the provisions of section one of this act, and may enforce such provisions, and may order and enforce the abatement or alteration of any cellar or basement cellar constructed, used, or occupied, in violation thereof, so as to comply with said provisions.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

December 18, 1872.

#### 1873. — CHAPTER 4.

##### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ERECTION OF WOODEN BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR SANITARY PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Boston may erect wooden buildings for hospital purposes.  
Proviso.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to erect, under directions of its board of health and inspector of buildings, any wooden buildings within the city, for hospital purposes, the same to remain only so long as said board deems it necessary : *provided*, that every such hospital shall be constantly guarded outside by a competent force of at least three of the police of said city.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

January 28, 1873.

#### 1873. — CHAPTER 174.

##### AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT INCORPORATING THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Grant of lot of land in Boston, free of rent.

Description of land.

SECTION 1. Perpetual right is granted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to hold, occupy, and control, free of rent or charge by the commonwealth, for the uses and purposes of said institute, a parcel of land situated, in that part of Boston called the Back Bay, and described as follows : a lot in the form of a trapezoid, lying at the intersection of Boylston street and Huntington avenue, bounded by said street and avenue, and on the west by abutting land, as laid down on the selling plan of the commissioners on public lands, and containing thirteen thousand one hundred and ninety-four square feet ; said lot to be subject to the limitations and stipulations relative to lands of the commonwealth on the south side of Boylston street, and to be reserved from sale forever.

Right granted subject to stipulations contained in former acts.

SECT. 2. The right hereby granted to said institute shall be held subject to the same stipulations in relation to membership, the reception of pupils, the erection of a building, and the care of the lot, as are created and established by the several acts relating to said institute.

Land to revert to commonwealth if not used for legitimate objects.

SECT. 3. In case said institute appropriates said lot of land to any purpose or use foreign to its legitimate objects, then the commonwealth, after due notice given, may enter upon said lot and take pos-

session thereof, and the right of the said institute to the use, occupation and control of said lot shall thereupon cease.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 8, 1873.

[1875, 195; 1881, 107.]

## 1873. — CHAPTER 205.

AN ACT CONCERNING SEWERS AND DRAINS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston may, for the purposes of sewerage and drainage, take and divert the water of any streams or water-courses within the limits of said city, and devote the same to the purposes aforesaid; and may take all necessary land to widen, deepen, or straighten, the channel of such water-courses, and pave, enclose, and cover, the same.

Streams and water-courses may be diverted for drainage purposes.  
9 Cush. 233.

SECT. 2. In taking said water-courses or lands for the purposes aforesaid, the said board of aldermen shall proceed in the manner required by law in cases where land is taken for highways; and persons suffering damage in their property shall have the same rights and remedies for the ascertainment and recovery of such damages, as are provided by law for the ascertainment and recovery of damages for lands taken for highways.

Proceedings as in taking land for highways.

Damages.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 16, 1873.

## 1873. — CHAPTER 207.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS ON PUBLIC LANDS TO SELL A LOT OF LAND TO THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The commissioners on public lands are authorized to sell and convey to the city of Boston a lot of land on the Back Bay in said city, for the purpose of erecting a school-house thereon, upon such terms and conditions as the governor and council shall approve.

Commissioners may sell land for a school-house to the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 16, 1873.

## 1873. — CHAPTER 235.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FREIGHT RAILROAD COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The Union Freight Railroad Company is authorized and required to receive and deliver passenger cars at each of its connections with the tracks of other railroad corporations made pursuant to the provisions of its charter, and to haul such cars over its road at its established rates; *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting any legal rights of the Commercial Freight and Marginal Freight Railway Companies.

To receive and deliver passenger cars at its connections with other railroads.

Provide.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 25, 1873.

[1872, 342; 1876, 229.]

## 1873. — CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED FIREMEN AND THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

May expend  
\$3,000 annually  
for relief of dis-  
abled firemen,  
etc.

Repeal of 1854,  
875.  
1880, 107.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may expend a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars annually, for the relief of firemen disabled, and of the families of firemen killed, in the service of the city.

SECT. 2. Chapter three hundred and seventy-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four is repealed.

April 30, 1873.

## 1873. — CHAPTER 260.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHANNEL OF MUDDY RIVER IN BROOKLINE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

May conduct  
waters of Muddy  
river in a more  
direct line to  
Charles river.

Damages.  
1872, 267, § 3.

SECTION 1. The town of Brookline may make a new channel within its own territory to conduct the waters of Muddy river in a more direct line to Charles river, and for this purpose the real estate of any person may be taken. The proceedings shall be the same in all respects as in laying out of town ways; and all persons suffering damage in their property, by reason thereof, shall have the same rights and remedies for the ascertainment and recovery of such damages as in the case of the laying out of town ways.

Drains and sew-  
ers of Boston  
may be extended  
into the new  
channel.

SECT. 2. Drains and sewers of the city of Boston now discharging into Muddy river above the point at which the boundary line between Boston and Brookline, running from Charles river southerly along the easterly line of Saint Mary's street extended, strikes the present channel of Muddy river, may be extended by said city through any lands or ways in said city or town into the new channel provided for by this act, the cost of such extension to be reimbursed to said city by said town; and said city shall have the right to enter new drains or sewers through said lands or ways into the new channel to the same extent that it now has the right to enter the same into the present channel of Muddy river.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 2, 1873.

## 1873. — CHAPTER 286.

AN ACT TO UNITE THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Charlestown an-  
nexed to Boston  
and to become  
part of Suffolk  
county.

Proviso.  
Election of rep-  
resentatives,  
senator, coun-  
cillor, and mem-  
ber of congress.

SECTION 1. All the territory now comprised within the limits of the city of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex, with the inhabitants and estates therein, is annexed to and made part of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Suffolk, subject to the same laws, municipal regulations, obligations, and liabilities, and entitled to the same privileges and immunities in all respects as the said city of Boston: *provided, however,* that until constitutionally and legally changed, said territory shall continue to be, for the purpose of electing members of the house of representatives, part of the county of Middlesex, constituting the first, second, and third, representative districts thereof; for the purpose of electing a senator, the first Middlesex senatorial

district; for the purpose of electing a councillor, part of council district number six; and for the purpose of electing a representative in congress, part of congressional district number five, as the same are now constituted.

All the duties now required by law to be performed by the mayor and aldermen and city clerk of the city of Charlestown, or either of them, pertaining to the election of representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, and members of the house of representatives, shall in like manner devolve upon and be performed by the board of aldermen and city clerk of the city of Boston.

Duties of officers pertaining to elections.

It shall be the duty of the ward officers of the several wards, as now established in said city of Charlestown, as hereafter provided, respectively, to make return of all votes that may be cast therein, from time to time, for representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, members of the house of representatives, and for all other national, state, district, county, municipal, and ward officers, to the city clerk of the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. All the public property of the said city of Charlestown shall be vested in and is declared to be the property of the city of Boston; and said city of Boston shall succeed to all the rights, claims, causes of action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts, duties, privileges, and immunities, of said city of Charlestown. The city treasurer of the said city of Charlestown shall, on or before the second Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, under the direction of the mayor and aldermen of said city of Charlestown, who shall for this purpose and for all other purposes necessary to carry into full effect the provisions of this act, continue to hold their offices over, transfer, deliver, pay over, and account for, to the city treasurer of the city of Boston, all books, papers, moneys, and other property, in their possession as city treasurer of said city of Charlestown, when this act shall take effect; and the city of Boston shall become liable for and subject to all the debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and liabilities, of said city of Charlestown. All actions and causes of action which may be pending, or which shall have accrued at the time this act shall take effect, in behalf of or against said city of Charlestown, shall survive, and may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution in behalf of or against the city of Boston.

Public property of Charlestown to be vested in the city of Boston.

Treasurer of Charlestown to deliver books and other property to treasurer of Boston.

Boston liable for debts of Charlestown.  
Pending actions to survive.

SECT. 3. The several courts within the county of Suffolk, except the municipal courts of the city of Boston, after this act shall take effect, shall have the same jurisdiction over all causes of action and proceedings in civil causes, and over all matters in probate and insolvency, which shall have accrued within said territory hereby annexed, that said courts now have over like actions, proceedings, and matters, within the county of Suffolk: *provided, however,* that the several courts within the county of Middlesex shall have and retain jurisdiction of all actions, proceedings, and matters, that shall have been rightfully commenced in said courts prior to the time when this act shall take effect; and the supreme judicial court and the superior court within the county of Suffolk, after this act shall take effect, shall have the same jurisdiction of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, that shall have been committed within the said territory of the city of Charlestown, that the supreme judicial court and superior court within the county of Middlesex now have; but if before this act takes effect proceedings shall have been commenced in any of the courts within the county of Middlesex for the prosecution of said crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, the said courts within the county of Middlesex shall have and retain jurisdiction of the same for the full, complete, and final, disposition thereof. All suits, actions,

Jurisdiction of courts in Suffolk county.

Jurisdiction of courts in Middlesex county.



proceedings, complaints, and prosecutions, and all matters of probate and insolvency, which shall be pending within said territory of the city of Charlestown before any court or justice of the peace, when this act shall take effect, shall be heard and determined as though this act had not passed.

Territory of Charlestown to constitute a judicial district. Municipal court for Charlestown district.

SECT. 4. Said territory of the city of Charlestown shall constitute a judicial district under the jurisdiction of the police court of the city of Charlestown, which shall continue to exist, and shall hereafter be designated and known by the name of the municipal court for the Charlestown district of the city of Boston. Said court shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction in said district and the same civil jurisdiction in the county of Suffolk, as the police courts, other than that of the city of Boston, have by law, in their respective counties; and it shall have no other jurisdiction. Appeals shall be allowed from all judgments of said court in like manner and to the same courts that appeals are now allowed from the judgments of the municipal court of the city of Boston. All acts and duties, if any, now incumbent upon the city council of the city of Charlestown, or either branch thereof, relating to the said court of the city of Charlestown, shall hereafter devolve upon and be performed by the city council of the city of Boston. All fines and forfeitures, and all costs in criminal prosecutions in said court, and all fees and charges received in said court in civil proceedings, shall be accounted for and paid over in the same manner as is now provided for the municipal court within the city of Boston.

Ward limits to remain unchanged.

SECT. 5. The three wards now established in said city of Charlestown shall so remain until alteration of the ward limits of said city of Boston, provided by law. And each of the wards so established shall be entitled to all the municipal and ward officers which each of the other wards of said city of Boston is entitled to, except as hereinafter provided; and the board of aldermen of said city of Boston shall, in due season, issue their warrants for meetings of the legal voters of said wards respectively, to be held on the second Tuesday in December, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, at some place within said wards respectively, which shall be designated in said warrants, there to give in their ballots for the several municipal and ward officers for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, for which they shall be entitled to vote by virtue of the provisions of this act. The ward officers of the wards now established in said city of Charlestown shall hold their respective offices until the first Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. And in case of the absence or resignation of any ward officer, others may be chosen as now provided by law, and they shall perform all the duties required of ward officers during their continuance in office.

Ward officers to hold office until first Monday of January, 1874.

School committee.

The term of office of the school committee men heretofore chosen in each of the wards of the said city of Charlestown shall expire on the first Monday of said January; and there shall be chosen at the election heretofore provided for in this section, three persons from each of said wards to be members of the school committee of the city of Boston, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, and thereafter all vacancies in said committee shall be filled as now provided by law for filling vacancies in the school committee of said city of Boston.

The board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall prepare lists of all the legal voters in said wards of the city of Charlestown, to be used at said meetings, and shall do all other things which they are now by law required to do in respect to like elections in other wards in the city of Boston, and at said meetings any legal voter of said

wards, respectively, may call the citizens to order, and preside until a warden shall have been qualified.

All ward officers whose election is provided for in this section shall be qualified according to law. The citizens of the territory by this act annexed to the city of Boston shall have the same right to vote for municipal officers, at the annual municipal election of the city of Boston, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, as they would have had if said territory had formed part of the city of Boston for more than six months next before said election. Wards one, two, and three, of Charlestown, for all municipal purposes, shall be known as and called, respectively, wards twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two, of Boston.

Citizens may vote for municipal officers of Boston in the year 1873.

Wards to be known as wards 20, 21, and 22.

SECT. 6. All provisions of law requiring an election of municipal and ward officers for said city of Charlestown, on the second Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, for the municipal year then next ensuing, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECT. 7. Until alteration of the ward limits of said city of Boston, as provided by law, the common council shall consist of the lawful number of members from each ward, and the territory hereby annexed shall be entitled to six members of said council, two from each ward.

Two members of common council from each ward.

SECT. 8. The several police-officers and watchmen, the engineers and members of the fire department that may be in office in the city of Charlestown, when this act shall take effect, shall thereafter continue in the discharge of their respective duties, in the same manner as if they were police-officers and watchmen, and engineers and firemen, of the city of Boston, until others shall be appointed in their stead. The several justices of the peace, masters in chancery, and notaries-public, residing in Charlestown, shall continue to act in their said capacities respectively, within the said territory of Charlestown, but their authority to act in their said capacities shall in no wise be increased or diminished during the terms of their commissions by virtue of any provisions of this act.

Police-officers and firemen of Charlestown to continue in the discharge of their duties.

SECT. 9. All the interest which said city of Charlestown now have in the public property of the county of Middlesex, is hereby released and acquitted to said county of Middlesex. If the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex, within six months after the acceptance of this act by said cities, as hereinafter provided, shall elect to apply to the justices of the supreme judicial court, sitting in either the county of Suffolk or of Middlesex, for the appointment of a committee of three disinterested persons to ascertain whether anything should, in justice and equity, be paid by said city of Charlestown to the county of Middlesex, towards the liquidation of its debts, in addition to the relinquishment of said city's share of the county property; then, on notice being given of the said application, such committee shall be appointed, who shall take an estimate of the county property, in which due allowance shall be made for any permanent expenditures that may have been incurred for the especial accommodation of said city of Charlestown, and shall also take an account of the county debts, and shall decide and report what sum, if anything, should be paid by either party to the other; and the report of said committee, when accepted by said court, shall be binding and conclusive, and whatever shall be found due, whether from or to the county of Middlesex, shall be paid to or by said city of Boston and said Charlestown, thus united. But if no such application be made by the said county commissioners within said time, then the county of Middlesex shall not be required to make any allowance for the surplus value of the county property after the payment of the county debt.

Interest of Charlestown in county property released to Middlesex. Committee may be appointed by supreme judicial court to determine if any payment should be made by Charlestown to Middlesex county.

SECT. 10. The volumes now in the registry of deeds office for the southern district of the county of Middlesex, containing the records

Transfer of volumes in registry for southern dis-

trict of Middlesex to registry for Suffolk.

exclusively relating to lands and estates within the territory so transferred, shall be deposited by the register for the southern district of said county in the registry of deeds office for said county of Suffolk, the same to be there kept and used in the same manner as the records of said county of Suffolk are kept and used.

Liability for taxes.

SECT. 11. The territory so transferred, and the inhabitants thereon and their estates, shall be liable for all taxes already assessed and not paid; and also all city, county, and state taxes that may be hereafter assessed on them by said city of Charlestown, and before this act shall take effect, in the same manner as they would have been liable if this act had not been passed. And the city treasurer and collector of said city of Charlestown are hereby respectively authorized to collect the same in the manner prescribed by law after this act shall take effect.

Trustees to continue to manage school and poor funds according to the terms of their trusts.

1825, 40.  
1868, 301.

SECT. 12. The two corporations holding trust funds in said city of Charlestown, one being the trustees of the Charlestown free schools, and the other the trustees of the poor's fund in the town of Charlestown, shall continue to manage their funds and disburse the income thereof according to the terms of their respective trusts. The members of the school committee within the present limits of Charlestown for the time being, shall be the corporation first above named; and the members of the two branches of the city council for the time being, residing in said present limits of Charlestown, shall, together with the senior deacons of the religious societies in said present limits of Charlestown, be the said trustees of the poor's fund.

Public library.

The Charlestown public library, with all the books and documents which now or hereafter may belong thereto, shall be continued and kept within the present limits of said Charlestown; and it shall have the benefit of all gifts and legacies made heretofore or hereafter in its behalf. The trustees of the Charlestown public library shall hold their offices until the first Monday of May in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, or until the annual organization of the board of trustees of the Boston public library in that year. Thereafter it shall become a branch of the public library of Boston.

Mystic water board to be continued as a separate organization.

The Mystic water board of Charlestown shall be continued a separate organization under the direction of the city council of Boston, until the said city council shall determine to unite it with the Cochituate water board of Boston. The members of the Mystic water board shall hold their offices for the terms for which they were respectively elected; and all contracts made and liabilities incurred by the Mystic water board shall be assumed by the city of Boston.

Charters of Boston and Charlestown amended.

SECT. 13. The charter of the city of Boston, and the charter of the city of Charlestown, and the several acts passed in addition thereto, are amended so as to conform to the provisions of this act; and so much of the general statutes and laws as may be inconsistent with this act is amended so as not to apply to or repeal any of the provisions herein contained.

Obligation of contracts not impaired.

SECT. 14. Nothing contained in this act shall impair the obligation of contracts; and the property and inhabitants of the territory by this act annexed to the city of Boston shall continue liable to the existing creditors of the county of Middlesex, in like manner as if this act had not been passed: *provided*, that if any person, by reason of his being an inhabitant of, or owning property in, said territory, shall be compelled to pay any existing debt or obligation of the county of Middlesex, the amount of such payment shall constitute a debt to him from said county, as hereafter to be constituted, exclusive of said territory, and may be recovered in like manner as other debts against the county of Middlesex.

Proviso.

Act not to take full effect unless

SECT. 15. This act shall not take full effect unless accepted by a

majority of the legal voters of the city of Boston, present and voting thereon, by ballot, at meetings which shall be held in the several wards of said city of Boston; and also by a majority of the legal voters of the city of Charlestown, present and voting thereon, by ballot, at meetings which shall be held in the several wards of said city of Charlestown, upon notice duly given, at least seven days before the time of said meeting. Meetings for that purpose shall be held simultaneously in said cities, on the first Tuesday of October next; and the polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and shall be closed at six o'clock in the afternoon. In case of the absence of any ward officer at any ward meeting held in either city for the purpose aforesaid, a like officer may be chosen *pro tempore*, by hand vote, and shall be duly qualified and have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, of the regular officer at said meetings. Said ballots shall be "yes" or "no," in answer to the question, "Shall an act passed by the legislature of the commonwealth in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled an 'act to unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston,' be accepted?" Such meeting shall be called, notified, and warned, by the mayor and aldermen of the city of Charlestown, and by the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, respectively, in the same manner in which meetings for the election of municipal officers in said cities, respectively, are called, notified, and warned. The ballots given in shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in the wards in which they are given, in open ward meeting in said cities, and shall also be registered in the ward records respectively. The clerk of each ward in the city of Boston, shall make return of all ballots given in, in his ward, and the number of ballots in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots against said acceptance, to the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, and like returns by the clerks of the several wards in the city of Charlestown shall be made to the mayor and aldermen of the city of Charlestown. All of said returns shall be made within forty-eight hours of the close of the polls.

accepted by voters of Boston and Charlestown.

Meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of October, 1873.

Ward officers may be chosen *pro tempore*.

Ballots.

Manner of calling meetings.

Result of balloting to be recorded and returned.

Returns to be made to the secretary of the commonwealth.

Secretary to publish certificate, if a majority of votes is cast in favor of acceptance.

It shall be the duty of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, and of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Charlestown, to certify and return, as soon as may be, the ballots cast in their respective cities, and the number of ballots cast in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots cast against such acceptance, in their respective cities, to the secretary of the commonwealth. And if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast in each of said cities, respectively, is in favor of the acceptance of this act, the said secretary shall immediately issue and publish his certificate declaring this act, to have been duly accepted; and, after such publication and declaration, it shall not be lawful for the city council of Charlestown, or of any board charged with the care of public property of said city, to contract any loan or to make any new appropriation of money, or to disburse any money except in accordance with appropriations and orders legally made before the acceptance of this act, unless the same shall first be approved by the mayor and the board of aldermen of Boston.

SECT. 16. So much of this act as authorizes and directs the submission of the question of the acceptance of this act to the legal voters of said cities respectively, provided in the fifteenth section of this act, shall take effect upon its passage.

Portion of act to take effect upon its passage.

SECT. 17. If this act shall be accepted by said cities, as herein provided, it shall take effect on the twelfth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, so far as to authorize, legalize, and carry into effect, the acts and provisions of the fifth, sixth, and seventh, sections of this act, but for all other purposes (except

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as mentioned in section sixteen of this act), it shall take effect on the first Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Proceedings in case supreme judicial court declare the balloting to be void.

SECT. 18. If any election or balloting upon the question of the acceptance of this act, by either of said cities, shall, within two months thereafter, be declared void by the supreme judicial court, upon summary proceedings, which may be had in any county on the petition of fifty voters of either city, the question of accepting said act shall be again submitted to the legal voters of said city; and meetings therefor shall within thirty days thereafter be called, held, and conducted, and the votes returned and other proceedings had thereon, in like manner as hereinbefore provided. But no election or balloting shall be held void for informality in calling, holding, or conducting, the election, or returning the votes, or otherwise, except upon proceedings instituted therefor and determined within sixty days thereafter, as aforesaid.

May 14, 1873.

## 1873. — CHAPTER 287.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL RESERVOIR.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

May construct a reservoir at Parker hill.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, by and through the agency of the Cochituate water board therein, or by and through any other agency which shall be established therefor by the city council of said city, may construct and maintain an additional reservoir for receiving, holding, and distributing, water; and for this purpose, may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any real estate not exceeding five acres at or near the summit of Parker hill, so called, in ward fifteen in said city.

May lay pipes, and enter upon and dig up streets.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston may also, by and through the same agency, lay and maintain one or more suitable lines of pipes from the said reservoir to a convenient point in Fisher avenue, so called, and from said point along said Fisher avenue to Parker street in said city; and may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, such real estate as may be necessary therefor; and may carry and conduct the said pipes over or under any water-course, or any street, turnpike road, railroad, highway, or other way, in such manner as not to unnecessarily obstruct or impede travel thereon; and may enter upon and dig up any such road, street, or way, for the purpose of laying the said pipes and for maintaining and repairing the same.

Liability for damages.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages sustained by any persons in their property, by the taking of any real estate as aforesaid, or by any of its doings under this act; and in regard to such taking, and the ascertainment and payment of all such damages, the city of Boston, and all persons claiming damages, shall have all the rights, immunities, and remedies, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and obligations, which are provided in the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, the one hundred and eighty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and the three hundred and sixteenth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty.

May issue scrip at six per cent. interest.

SECT. 4. For the purpose of defraying all the costs and expenses of such real estate as shall be taken, purchased, or held, for the purposes mentioned in this act, and of constructing said reservoir, laying said pipes, and doing all other things incident thereto, the

said city council may issue, from time to time, notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, to such an amount as may be necessary, and in such form, on such length of time, and bearing such rate of interest, not exceeding six per centum per annum, as they shall deem expedient.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 14, 1873.

[1846, 167; 1849, 187; 1850, 316; 1875, 80.]

# 1873. — CHAPTER 298.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE OF THE LAWS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, RELATING TO THE REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two is amended by adding the following at the end thereof: —

Amendment to 1872, 371, § 1.

“The amount of materials above specified for external walls may be used either in piers or buttresses: *provided*, the external walls between said piers or buttresses shall in no case be less than twelve inches thick. If adjoining owners, instead of a party-wall, shall each at the same time erect a wall on his own land, such walls may be twelve inches each in thickness, to such height as they shall be contiguous.

SECT. 2. Section five of said act is amended by striking out the words “into the backing,” and substituting therefor the words “with Flemish header or”; also by striking out the words “and shall not be built to a greater height than prescribed for twelve-inch walls,” and substituting therefor the words “and each stone of said ashlar work shall be securely tied to the backing by one or more suitable metal anchors.”

Amendment to 1872, 371, § 3.

SECT. 3. Section six of said act is amended by inserting after the words “wooden columns,” the words “or brick piers”; also by striking out all after the words “footing course,” and substituting therefor the words, “or leveller for each column not less than three feet six inches square, and one foot six inches thick. If the girders resting on said columns are entirely of wood, said columns shall not be more than twelve feet apart on the line of the girders.”

Amendment to 1872, 371, § 6.

SECT. 4. Section seven of said act is amended by striking out all words after the words “commonly used except,” to and including the words “ends of the same,” and substituting therefor the words “arch-forms for interior arched openings.”

Amendment to 1872, 371, § 7.

SECT. 5. Section eight of said act is amended by striking out all after the words “wet when laid,” and substituting therefor the following: —

Amendment to 1872, 371, § 8.

“Isolated brick piers under all lintels, girders, iron, or other columns, shall have a cap-iron at least two inches thick, or a granite cap-stone at least twelve inches thick, the full size of the pier. In the case of an external brick pier, the plate may be reduced sufficiently in size to allow four inches of brick-work to intervene between the edge or edges of the plate and the face or faces of the pier exposed to the weather. Columns supported by brick walls or piers, shall rest upon an iron plate at least two inches thick, or upon a granite cap-stone at least twelve inches thick, of a size satisfactory to the in-

spector of buildings. Under iron columns shall in all cases be an iron plate of not less than one and one-half inches in thickness."

Amendment to  
1872, 371, § 13.

SECT. 6. Section thirteen of said act is hereby amended by substituting the following words therefor:—

"In any building hereafter erected, to be occupied as a tenement or lodging house, in which the lower part is intended to be used for business or manufacturing purposes of any kind, or which is intended to be occupied by more than four families, the hall partitions from the cellar to the second floor shall be built of brick."

Amendment to  
1872, 371, § 16.

SECT. 7. Section sixteen of said act is amended by adding to said section, the words "and no wood-work shall be placed on the outside thereof."

Amendment to  
1872, 371, § 18.

SECT. 8. Section eighteen of said act is hereby amended by striking out the words "or engine," wherever they occur.

Buildings not to  
be more than  
eighty feet in  
height, except  
churches and  
grain elevators.

SECT. 9. All buildings hereafter erected or increased in height, except churches and grain elevators, shall not exceed a height greater than eighty feet to the highest point from the level of the sidewalk, exclusive of chimneys and party-walls above the roof: *provided, however*, that an additional height may be added, if said addition shall be constructed in a fire-proof manner, as herein named, to wit:— All joists, beams, rafters, purlins, jack-rafters, plates, studs, ties, and arches, shall be made of cast or wrought iron, or some other metal, stone, brick, cement, mortar, or other incombustible material, and covered with corrugated iron, sheet or cast iron, tin, copper, zinc, or other metal, or slate, stone, brick, cement, mortar, or other incombustible material. All structures or projections above or outside of the roof, such as domes, cupolas, pavilions, towers, spires, pinnacles, buttresses, lantern louvres, luthern or dormer windows, skylights, scuttles, ventilators, cornices, and gutters, shall be made, constructed, framed, and covered, with cast or wrought iron, tin, copper, zinc, or other metal, or stone, slate, brick, cement or mortar or other incombustible material. Section twenty of said act is hereby repealed.

Repeal of 1872,  
371, § 20.

Amendment to  
1872, 371, § 23.

SECT. 10. Section twenty-three of said act is hereby amended by inserting after the words "shall erect or alter any building or structure in the city of Boston, in violation of any or either of the provisions of this act, of the act of which this act is an amendment, or of of any amendment thereof," the words "or in violation of any ordinance enacted by the city council of the city of Boston, under authority given it by chapter two hundred and eighty of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, or of any law or laws in addition thereto or amendment thereof."

Inspectors of  
buildings to in-  
spect buildings  
reported to be  
dangerous or  
unsafe.

SECT. 11. If any building or parts of a building, staging, or other structure, or anything attached to or connected with any building or other structure in the city of Boston, shall, from any cause, be reported dangerous or unsafe, so as to endanger life and limb, it shall be the duty of the inspector of buildings to inspect such structure, and if, in his opinion, the same be dangerous, he shall immediately notify the owner, agent, or other party having an interest in said structure, to cause the same to be made safe and secure, or removed, as may be necessary.

Building to be  
made safe or to  
be removed as  
soon as possible.

SECT. 12. The person or persons so notified shall be allowed until twelve o'clock noon of the day following the service of such notice, in which to commence the securing or removal of the same; and he or they shall employ sufficient labor to remove or secure the same as expeditiously as can be done: *provided, however*, that in cases where the public safety requires immediate action, the inspector of buildings may enter upon the premises with such workmen and assistants as may be necessary, and cause the said unsafe structure to be shored

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up, taken down, or otherwise secured, without delay, and a proper fence or boarding to be put up for the protection of passers-by.

SECT. 13. If the owner, agent, or other party interested in said unsafe structure, having been notified, shall refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of said notice within the time specified in section ten, then a careful survey of the premises named in said notice shall be made by three disinterested persons, one to be appointed by the inspector of buildings, one by the owner or other interested party, and the third chosen by these two, and the report of such survey shall be reduced to writing, and a copy served upon the owner or other interested party; and if said owner or other interested party refuse or neglect to appoint a member of said board of survey, then the survey shall be made by the city engineer and the chief engineer of the fire department of Boston, and in case of disagreement they shall choose a third person.

If owner neglects to comply with requirements of notice, a careful survey shall be made.

SECT. 14. Whenever the report of any such survey, had as aforesaid, shall declare the structure to be unsafe, or dangerous to life or limb, the inspector of buildings shall, upon continued refusal or neglect of the owner or other interested party, cause such unsafe or dangerous structure to be taken down or otherwise made safe; and the costs and charges shall become a lien upon said estate, to be collected according to law, but without prejudice to the right which the owner thereof may have to recover the same from any lessee or other person liable for the expense of repairs: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the recovery by the lessor of the lessee of the cost of any charges which may have been rendered necessary through the default or negligence of the lessor, or through want of repair or defects existing in said premises at the commencement of the lease.

If the report declares that the structure is unsafe, the inspector shall take it down.

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SECT. 15. Upon the citation of any structure as unsafe or dangerous, by the inspector of buildings, if the owner or other interested party, being notified thereof in writing, shall refuse or neglect to cause the said structure to be taken down or otherwise made safe, said owner or other interested party shall forfeit to the use of said city, for every day's continuance of said refusal or neglect, a sum not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars; said sum to be recoverable as debts are now by law recoverable.

Penalty for neglecting to make structure safe.

SECT. 16. Any owner or other interested person aggrieved by any such order may, within three days after the service thereof upon him, apply for a jury to the superior court, if sitting in the county, or to any justice thereof in vacation. The court or justice shall issue a warrant for a jury to be empanelled by the sheriff within fourteen days from the date of the warrant, in the manner provided in chapter forty-three of the general statutes relating to highways.

Owner may apply for a jury.

SECT. 17. The jury may affirm, annul, or alter, such order, and the sheriff shall return the verdict to the next term of the court for acceptance, and, being accepted, it shall take effect as an original order.

Jury may affirm or annul the order of inspector.

SECT. 18. If the order is affirmed, costs shall be taxed against the applicant; if it is annulled, the applicant shall recover damages and costs against the city; if it is altered in part, the court may render such judgment as to costs as justice may require.

Taxation of costs.

SECT. 19. Nothing contained in the three preceding sections shall be construed to bar the right of the city to recover the penalty enacted in section thirteen, for the continuance of the refusal or neglect of the owner or owners, or other interested party or parties, to cause the structure in question to be taken down or otherwise made safe, unless the order is annulled by the jury; but, in default of such

Penalty may be enforced if the order is not annulled.



annulment, the city shall have the right to recover said penalty from the day of the original notice as enacted in said section.

Supreme judicial court may restrain by injunction erection of unsafe building.

SECT. 20. In case the building or structure cited as unsafe or dangerous shall be in process of erection, alteration, or repair, it shall be lawful for the supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, either in term time or vacation, to issue forthwith an injunction restraining further progress in the work on said building until the facts of the case shall have been investigated and determined as herein provided.

Buildings unsafe in case of fire to come within the provisions of this act.

SECT. 21. If any building in the city of Boston shall appear, upon examination by the inspector of public buildings, to be specially dangerous to life or limb to members of the fire department or to citizens, in case of fire, by reason of insufficient thickness of walls, overloaded floors, defective construction, or other causes, such building shall be held and taken to be dangerous within the meaning of and subject to all the provisions of this act; and the inspector of buildings, besides proceeding as herein before provided, may affix a notice of the dangerous character of the structure to a conspicuous place on the exterior wall of said building. Any person or persons removing such notice, so affixed, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten or more than fifty dollars for each and every offence.

Facilities for escape in case of fire to be provided in hotels, etc.

SECT. 22. It shall be the duty of the inspector of buildings to inspect all dwelling-houses now erected in the city of Boston, occupied by two or more families on any of the floors above the second floor from the level of the street, and any building now erected and occupied as a hotel, boarding or lodging house, factory, mill, or manufactory, or for offices or workshops, in which persons are employed in any of the stories above the second story; and if in his opinion such building is not provided with proper facilities for the escape of such persons in case of fire, he shall immediately serve a notice in writing upon the owners, agent, or other party or parties having an interest in said building, requiring such facilities to be provided without delay.

If facilities for escape in case of fire are not provided, a survey may be had.

SECT. 23. If the person or persons so notified shall refuse or neglect to provide such facilities to the satisfaction of said inspector, within such time as the inspector may designate, then such a survey of the premises shall be had as provided by section thirteen of this act.

Report to specify the necessary alterations.

SECT. 24. If the report of such survey shall require the furnishings of the facilities as aforesaid, the requisite changes or alterations in the building shall be particularly specified; and the inspector of buildings shall, upon the continued neglect or refusal of the owner or owners, or other party or parties interested in said building, cause such changes or alterations to be made, in the manner and subject to all the provisions specified and contained in sections fourteen to nineteen, inclusive, of this act.

Officers may enter buildings.

SECT. 25. The officers of the department for the survey and inspection of buildings in the city of Boston, and all surveyors or other persons required to execute the provisions of this act, shall, as far as may be necessary for the performance of their respective duties, have the right to enter any building or premises in said city.

Repeal of 1871, 290, §§ 51-58.

SECT. 26. Sections fifty-one to fifty-eight, inclusive, of chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 27. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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[1871, 290; 1872, 371; 1876, 69, 176; 1882, 252; 1883, 155, 173, 251; 1884, 223]

## 1873. — CHAPTER 303.

AN ACT TO UNITE THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. All the territory now comprised within the limits of the town of Brighton, in the county of Middlesex, with the inhabitants and estates therein, is annexed to and made part of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Suffolk, subject to the same municipal regulations, obligations, and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities in all respects, as the said city of Boston: *provided, however*, that, until constitutionally and legally changed, said territory shall continue to be, for the purpose of electing members of the house of representatives, part of the county of Middlesex, constituting a portion of the tenth representative district thereof; for the purpose of electing a senator, part of the third Middlesex senatorial district; for the purpose of electing a councillor, part of the third council district; and for the purpose of electing a representative in congress, said territory shall continue to be part of congressional district number eight, as the same is now constituted.

Brighton to be annexed to Boston, and to become part of Suffolk county.

Election of members of the legislature, councillor, and member of congress.

All the duties now required by law to be performed by the selectmen and town clerk of said town, or either of them, pertaining to the election of representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, and members of the house of representatives, shall in like manner devolve upon and be performed by the board of aldermen and city clerk of said city.

It shall be the duty of the ward officers of the ward, elected out of said territory as hereinafter provided, to make to the city clerk of said city, a return of all votes that may be cast therein, from time to time, for representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, members of the house of representatives, and for all other national, state, district, county, municipal, and ward officers.

SECT. 2. All the public property of said town shall be vested in, and is declared to be the property of, said city; and said city shall succeed to all the rights, claims, causes of action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts, duties, privileges, and immunities, of said town. The town treasurer of the said town, on or before the second Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, under the direction of the selectmen of said town, who shall for this purpose, and for all other purposes necessary to carry into full effect the provisions of this act, continue to hold their offices, shall transfer, deliver, pay over, and account for, to the city treasurer of said city, all books, papers, moneys, and other property, in his possession as town treasurer of said town when this act takes effect; and the said city shall become liable for, and subject to, all the debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and liabilities, of said town. All actions and causes of action which may be pending, or which shall have accrued at the time this act takes effect, in behalf of or against said town, shall survive, and may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution in behalf of or against said city.

Public property of Brighton to be vested in the city of Boston.

Treasurer of Brighton to deliver money and other property to treasurer of Boston.

SECT. 3. The several courts within the county of Suffolk, except the municipal court for the southern district of the city of Boston, after this act takes effect, shall have the same jurisdiction over all causes of action and proceedings in civil causes, and over all matters in probate and insolvency, which shall have accrued within said territory hereby annexed, that said courts now have over like actions, proceedings, and matters, within the county of Suffolk: *provided*, that the several courts within the county of Middlesex shall

Jurisdiction of courts in Suffolk and Middlesex counties.

have and retain jurisdiction of all actions, proceedings, and matters, that shall have been rightfully commenced in said courts prior to the time when this act takes effect; and the supreme judicial court and the superior court within the county of Suffolk, after this act takes effect, shall have the same jurisdiction of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, that shall have been committed within the said territory, that the supreme judicial court and superior court within the county of Middlesex now have; but if, before this act takes effect, proceedings shall have been commenced in any of the courts within the county of Middlesex, for the prosecution of said crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, the said courts within the county of Middlesex shall have and retain jurisdiction of the same for the full, complete, the final, disposition thereof. All suits, actions, proceedings, complaints, and prosecutions, and all matters of probate and insolvency, which shall be pending within said territory, before any court or justice of the peace, when this act takes effect, shall be heard and determined as though this act had not passed.

Territory under jurisdiction of municipal court of Boston.

SECT. 4. Said territory shall be added to, and constitute a part of, the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Boston. Said court shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction in said territory as it now has by law in its district as it now exists.

To constitute the nineteenth ward of Boston.

SECT. 5. The said territory shall constitute a ward of the city of Boston, to be called ward nineteen, and shall so remain until the alteration of the ward limits of the city of Boston, provided by law. And the ward so established shall be entitled to all the municipal and ward officers to which each of the other wards of said city is entitled, except as hereinafter provided.

Meeting for election of ward officers. Amended 1873, 363.

SECT. 6. If this act shall be accepted as hereinafter provided said territory shall, after the fourth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, constitute a ward of said city, to be called ward nineteen, for all the purposes mentioned in this section and in section seven of this act. And the board of aldermen of said city shall, in due season, issue their warrant for a meeting of the legal voters of said ward, to be held on the second Monday of December, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, at some place within said ward, which shall be designated in said warrant, there, first, to choose a warden, clerk, and five inspectors of elections for said ward, who shall hold their offices until the first Monday in January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead; second, to give in their ballots for the several municipal and ward officers for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, for which they shall be entitled to vote by virtue of the provisions of this act.

School committee.

The voters of said ward shall designate, by their ballots cast at said meeting, the term of service for which each of the three school committee men, who shall be chosen in said ward, shall serve, so that one of the number so chosen shall serve for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. The board of aldermen of said city shall prepare lists of all the legal voters in said ward, to be used at said meeting, and shall do all other things which they are now by law required to do in respect to like elections in other wards of said city; and at said meeting, any legal voter of said ward may call the citizens to order, and preside until a warden is chosen and qualified. All ward officers whose election is provided for in the preceding section shall be qualified according to law. The citizens of said territory shall have the same right to vote for municipal officers, at the annual municipal election in said city, in the year eighteen hundred and

Citizens may vote for municipal officers of Boston in the year 1873.

seventy-three, as they would have had if said territory had formed part of said city for more than six months next before said election.

SECT. 7. After the present municipal year the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall consist of twelve members, and in addition to the number of members of the common council otherwise to be provided for by law, the territory hereby annexed shall be entitled to elect two members to said council.

Members of the common council.

SECT. 8. The several police-officers, watchmen, fire-engineers, and firemen, in office in said town when this act shall take effect, shall thereafter continue in the discharge of their respective duties, in the same manner as if they were police-officers, watchmen, fire-engineers, and firemen, of the city of Boston, until others are appointed in their stead.

Police-officers and firemen to continue in discharge of their duties.

SECT. 9. All the interest which said town now has in the public property of the county of Middlesex is released and acquitted to said county of Middlesex. Such portion of the debts and obligations of the county of Middlesex existing when this act takes full effect, over and above the value of all the property belonging to said county as should proportionally and equitably be paid by the inhabitants and property owners of said territory by this act annexed to said city, shall be paid by said city to said county of Middlesex; and the supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity to determine the amount, if any, and enforce the payment of the same upon a suit in equity, in the name of said county, to be brought therefor within six months after this act goes into full operation, by the county commissioners of said county of Middlesex, if they deem such suit for the interest of said county; but no such suit shall be instituted after said six months.

Interest in county property released to Middlesex. Boston to pay proportion of debts of Middlesex county.

Nothing contained in this act shall impair the obligation of contracts; and the property and inhabitants of said territory shall continue liable to the existing creditors of the county of Middlesex, in like manner as if this act had not been passed: *provided*, that if any person, by reason of his being an inhabitant of, or owning property in, said territory, shall be compelled to pay any part of an existing debt or obligation of the county of Middlesex, the amount of such payment shall constitute a debt to him from said county, as hereafter to be constituted, exclusive of said territory, and may be recovered in like manner as other debts against the county of Middlesex.

Obligation of contracts not to be impaired.

SECT. 10. This act shall not take full effect unless accepted by a majority of the legal voters of the city of Boston present and voting thereon by ballot, at meetings which shall be held in the several wards of said city, and also by a majority of the legal voters of the town of Brighton present and voting thereon, by ballot, at a meeting which shall be held in said town. All said meetings shall be held simultaneously on the first Tuesday of October of the present year, and upon notice thereof duly given at least seven days before the time of said meetings, and the polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and shall be closed at six o'clock in the afternoon. In case of the absence of any ward officer at any ward meeting in said city, held for the purpose aforesaid, or of any of the selectmen, or of the town clerk at any meeting in said town held for said purpose, a like officer may be chosen, *pro tempore*, by hand vote, and shall be duly qualified, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, of the regular officer at said meetings. Said ballots shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to the question, "Shall an act passed by the legislature of this commonwealth in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled 'an act to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton,' be accepted?" Such meeting in said town shall be called, notified, and warned, by the selectmen of

Subject to acceptance by voters of Boston and Brighton.

Meetings to be held on first Tuesday of October.

said town, in the same manner in which meetings for the election of town officers in said town are called, notified, and warned; and such meeting in the city of Boston shall be called, notified, and warned, by the board of aldermen of said city, in the same manner in which meetings for the election of municipal officers in said city are called, notified, and warned.

Result of ballot-  
ing to be  
recorded and  
returned.

The ballots shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in the ward meetings in which they are given in the city of Boston, in open ward meeting, and shall be registered in the ward records; and in the town of Brighton, the ballots shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in open town meeting, and shall be recorded upon the records of the town. The clerk of each ward in the city of Boston shall make return of all ballots in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots against said acceptance, to the board of aldermen of said city; said returns to be made within forty-eight hours of the close of the polls.

Returns to be  
made to the sec-  
retary of the  
commonwealth.

It shall be the duty of the board of aldermen of said city to certify, as soon as may be, the number of ballots cast in said city, and the number of ballots cast in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots cast against said acceptance, to the secretary of the commonwealth.

The selectmen and the town clerk of the town of Brighton, shall, as soon as may be, make a like return of the ballots cast in said town, and the number of ballots cast in favor of acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots cast against said acceptance, to the secretary of the commonwealth.

Secretary to pub-  
lish certificate if  
result is in favor  
of acceptance.

And if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast in said city, and a majority of the votes cast in said town, respectively, are in favor of the acceptance of this act, the said secretary shall immediately issue and publish his certificate declaring this act to have been duly accepted.

Part of act to  
take effect on  
its passage.

SECT. 11. So much of this act as authorizes and directs the submission of the question of acceptance of this act to the legal voters of said city and said town, respectively provided for in the tenth section of this act, shall take effect upon its passage.

When to take  
effect if ac-  
cepted.

SECT. 12. If this act shall be accepted, as herein provided, it shall take effect on the twelfth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, so far as to authorize, legalize, and carry into effect, the acts and provisions of the sixth and seventh sections of this act; but for all other purposes, except as mentioned in section eleven of this act, it shall take effect on the first Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

May 21, 1873.

[1873, 868.]

## 1873. — CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT TO UNITE THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF WEST ROXBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

West Roxbury  
annexed to Bos-  
ton and to be-  
come part of  
Suffolk county.

SECTION 1. All the territory now comprised within the limits of the town of West Roxbury in the county of Norfolk, with the inhabitants and the estates therein, is annexed to and made part of the city of Boston in the county of Suffolk, and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Suffolk, subject to the same municipal regulations, obligations, and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities, in all respects as the said city of Boston: *provided, however*, that until constitutionally and legally changed, said territory shall continue to be, for the

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purpose of electing members of the house of representatives, part of the county of Norfolk, constituting the second representative district thereof; for the purpose of electing a senator, part of the first Norfolk senatorial district; for the purpose of electing a councillor, part of the third council district, and for the purpose of electing a representative in congress, part of congressional district number eight, as the same is now constituted.

Election of members of legislature, councillor, and member of congress.

All the duties now required by law to be performed by the selectmen and town clerk of said town, or either of them, pertaining to the election of representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, and members of the house of representatives, shall in like manner devolve upon and be performed by the board of aldermen and city clerk of said city.

Duties of selectmen, town clerk, and ward officers.

It shall be the duty of the ward officers of the ward erected out of said territory as hereinafter provided, to make to the city clerk of said city a return of all votes that may be cast therein, from time to time, for representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, members of the house of representatives, and for all other national, state, district, county, municipal, and ward officers.

SECT. 2. All the public property of said town shall be vested in, and is declared to be the property of, said city. And said city shall succeed to all the rights, claims, causes of action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts, duties, privileges, and immunities, of said town. The town treasurer of said town, on or before the second Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, under the direction of the selectmen of said town, who shall for this purpose and for all other purposes necessary to carry into full effect the provisions of this act, continue to hold their offices, shall transfer, deliver, pay over, and account for, to the city treasurer of said city, all books, papers, moneys, and other property, in his possession as town treasurer of said town when this act takes effect; and said city shall become liable for and subject to all the debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and liabilities, of said town. All actions and causes of action which may be pending, or which shall have accrued at the time this act takes effect, in behalf of or against said town, shall survive, and may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution in behalf of or against said city.

Public property to be vested in Boston.

Treasurer of West Roxbury to turn over property, etc., to treasurer of Boston.

SECT. 3. The several courts within the county of Suffolk, except the municipal court for the southern district of the city of Boston, and the municipal court of the Dorchester district, after this act takes effect, shall have the same jurisdiction over all causes of action and proceedings in civil causes, and over all matters in probate and insolvency, which shall have accrued within said territory hereby annexed, that said courts now have over like actions, proceedings, and matters, within the county of Suffolk: *provided*, that the several courts within the county of Norfolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of all actions, proceedings, and matters, that shall have been rightfully commenced in said courts prior to the time when this act takes effect; and the supreme judicial court and the superior court within the county of Suffolk, after this act takes effect, shall have the same jurisdiction of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, that shall have been committed within the said territory, that the supreme judicial court and superior court within the county of Norfolk now have; but if, before this act takes effect, proceedings shall have been commenced in any of the courts within the county of Norfolk, for the prosecution of said crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, the said courts within the county of Norfolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of the same for the full, complete, and final, disposition thereof. All suits, actions, proceedings, complaints, and prosecutions, and all matters of probate

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and insolvency, which shall be pending within said territory before any court or justice of the peace, when this act takes effect, shall be heard and determined as though this act had not passed.

Territory to be part of district under jurisdiction of municipal court of Boston.

SECT. 4. Said territory shall be added to and constitute a part of the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Boston. Said court shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction in said territory as it now has by law in its district as it now exists.

To constitute ward seventeen of Boston.

SECT. 5. The said territory shall constitute a ward of the city of Boston, to be called ward seventeen, and shall so remain until the alteration of the ward limits of the city of Boston, provided by law, and the ward so established shall be entitled to all the municipal and ward officers to which each of the other wards of said city is entitled, except as hereinafter provided.

Ward officers to be elected.

SECT. 6. If this act shall be accepted as hereinafter provided, said territory shall, after the fourth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, constitute a ward of said city, to be called ward seventeen, for all the purposes mentioned in this section and in section seven of this act. And the board of aldermen of said city shall, in due season, issue their warrant for a meeting of the legal voters of said ward, to be held on the second Monday of December, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, at some place within said ward, which shall be designated in said warrant, there, first, to choose a warden, clerk, and five inspectors of elections, for said ward, who shall hold their offices until the first Monday of January in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and until others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead; second, to give in their ballots for the several municipal and ward officers for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, for which they shall be entitled to vote by virtue of the provisions of this act.

Amended, 1873, 368.

School committee.

The voters of said ward shall designate, by their ballots cast at said meeting, the term of service for which each of the six school committee men who shall be chosen in said ward, shall serve, so that two of the number so chosen shall serve for three years, two for two years, and two for one year. The board of aldermen of said city shall prepare lists of all the legal voters in said ward, to be used at said meeting, and shall do all other things which they are now by law required to do in respect to like elections in other wards of said city; and at said meeting any legal voter of said ward may call the citizens to order, and preside until a warden is chosen and qualified. All ward officers whose election is provided for in the preceding section shall be qualified according to law. The citizens of said territory shall have the same right to vote for municipal officers, at the annual municipal election in said city, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, as they would have had if said territory had formed part of said city for more than six months next before said election.

Citizens may vote for municipal officers of Boston in 1873.

Entitled to two members of the common council.

SECT. 7. After the present municipal year the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall consist of twelve members, and, in addition to the number of members of the common council otherwise provided for by law, the territory hereby annexed shall be entitled to elect two members of said council.

Police-officers, watchmen, and firemen, to continue in discharge of their duties.

SECT. 8. The several police-officers, watchmen, and firemen, in office in said town when this act takes effect, shall thereafter continue in the discharge of their respective duties, in the same manner as if they were police-officers, watchmen, or firemen, of said city, until others are appointed in their stead.

Interest in county property released to Norfolk county.

SECT. 9. All the interest which said town now has in the public property of the county of Norfolk is released and acquitted to said county of Norfolk. Such portion of the debts and obligations of the

county of Norfolk, existing when this act takes full effect, over and above the value of all the property belonging to said county, as should proportionally and equitably be paid by the inhabitants and property owners of said territory by this act annexed to said city, shall be paid by said city to said county of Norfolk; and the supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity to determine the amount (if any), and enforce the payment of the same upon a suit in equity in the name of said county, to be brought therefor within six months after this act goes into full operation, by the county commissioners of said county of Norfolk, if they deem such suit for the interest of said county; but no such suit shall be instituted after said six months.

Boston to pay just proportion of debts of Norfolk county.

Nothing contained in this act shall impair the obligation of contracts; and the property and the inhabitants of said territory shall continue liable to the existing creditors of the county of Norfolk in like manner as if this act had not been passed: *provided*, that if any person, by reason of his being an inhabitant of or owning property in said territory, shall be compelled to pay any part of an existing debt or obligation of the county of Norfolk, the amount of such payment shall constitute a debt to him from said county as hereafter to be constituted, exclusive of said territory, and may be recovered in like manner as other debts against the county of Norfolk.

Obligation of contracts not to be impaired.

Proviso.

SECT. 10. This act shall not take full effect unless accepted by a majority of the legal voters of the city of Boston present and voting thereon by ballot, at meetings which shall be held in the several wards of said city, and also by a majority of the legal voters of the town of West Roxbury, present and voting thereon by ballot, at a meeting which shall be held in said town. All said meetings shall be held simultaneously on the seventh day of October of the present year, and upon notice thereof duly given at least seven days before the time of said meetings; and the polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and shall be closed at six o'clock in the afternoon. In case of the absence of any ward officer at any ward meeting in said city, held for the purpose aforesaid, or of any of the selectmen, or of the town-clerk, at any meeting in said town held for said purpose, a like officer may be chosen, *pro tempore*, by hand vote, and shall be duly qualified, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, of the regular officer at said meetings. Said ballots shall be "yes" or "no," in answer to the question, "Shall an act passed by the legislature of this commonwealth, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled 'an act to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury,' be accepted?" Such meeting in said town shall be called, notified, and warned, by the selectmen of said town, in the same manner in which meetings for the election of town officers in said town are called, notified, and warned; and such meeting in the city of Boston shall be called, notified, and warned, by the board of aldermen of said city, in the same manner in which meetings for the election of municipal officers in said city are called, notified, and warned.

Subject to acceptance by a majority vote of West Roxbury and Boston.

The ballots shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in the ward meetings in which they are given in the city of Boston, in open ward meeting, and shall be registered in the ward records; and, in the town of West Roxbury, the ballots shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in open town meeting, and shall be recorded upon the records of the town. The clerk of each ward in the city of Boston shall make return of all ballots given in his ward, and the number of ballots in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots against said acceptance, to the board of aldermen of said city;

Result of balloting to be recorded.



said returns to be made within forty-eight hours of the close of the polls.

Returns to be made to secretary of the commonwealth.

It shall be the duty of the board of aldermen of said city, to certify, as soon as may be, the number of ballots cast in said city, and the number of ballots cast in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots cast against said acceptance, to the secretary of the commonwealth.

The selectmen and town-clerk of the town of West Roxbury shall, as soon as may be, make a like return of the ballots cast in said town, and the number of ballots cast in favor of acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots cast against said acceptance, to the secretary of the commonwealth.

Secretary to issue certificate if act is accepted.

And if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast in said city, and a majority of the votes cast in said town, respectively, are in favor of the acceptance of this act, the said secretary shall immediately issue and publish his certificate, declaring this act to have been duly accepted.

Part of act to take effect upon its passage.

SECT. 11. So much of this act as authorizes and directs the submission of the question of acceptance of this act to the legal voters of said city and said town, respectively, provided for in the tenth section of this act, shall take effect upon its passage.

When to take effect, if accepted.

SECT. 12. If this act shall be accepted as herein provided, it shall take effect on the fifth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, so far as to authorize, legalize, and carry into effect, the acts and provisions of the sixth and seventh sections of this act; but for all other purposes (except as mentioned in section eleven of this act), it shall take effect on the first Monday of January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Proceedings in case supreme judicial court declare balloting void.

SECT. 13. If any election or balloting upon the question of the acceptance of this act, by either said city or said town, shall, within two months thereafter, be declared void by the supreme judicial court, upon summary proceedings, which may be had in any county on the petition of fifty voters of either said city or said town, the question of accepting said act shall be again submitted to the legal voters of said city or town, and a meeting therefor shall, within thirty days thereafter, be called, held, and conducted, and the votes returned, and other proceedings had thereon, in like manner as herein before provided, but no election or balloting shall be held void for informality, in calling, holding, or conducting the election, or returning the votes, or otherwise, except upon proceedings instituted therefor and determined within sixty days thereafter, as aforesaid.

May 29, 1873.

[1873, 368.]

## 1873. — CHAPTER 338.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS, THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF FIRE, AND THE BETTER PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Amendment to 1871, 280, § 2.

SECTION 1. The clause of section second, chapter two hundred and eighty, of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, defining a "tenement house," is amended in the fifth line thereof, by inserting the word "one" before the word "another."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 4, 1873.

[1871, 280.]

## 1873. — CHAPTER 350.

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF BERKELEY STREET TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The commissioners on public lands are hereby authorized and directed to convey to the city of Boston that part of Berkeley street which is situated on the commonwealth's lands in the Back Bay, by deed in the same form as that executed by said commissioners, August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and approved by the governor and council on the thirty-first day of August following, except that the words "may, so long as they shall deem it expedient," shall be omitted in the proviso, and the words "shall, until after ninety days' notice to the contrary," shall be inserted instead thereof.

Commissioners on public lands to convey, by deed, Berkeley street to the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. Chapter three hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of Repeal. the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven is repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen of the city of Boston.

Subject to acceptance by aldermen.

June 9, 1873.

## 1873. — CHAPTER 368.

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE SEVERAL ACTS OF THE PRESENT YEAR FOR THE ANNEXATION OF WEST ROXBURY, BROOKLINE, AND BRIGHTON, TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter two hundred and ninety, section six of chapter three hundred and three, and section six of chapter three hundred and fourteen, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, are amended, by striking from each of said sections, the words "second Monday of December," and inserting in place thereof the words "second Tuesday of December."

Amendments to 1873, 290, § 6, 1873, 308, § 6, 1873, 314, § 6.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 11, 1873.

[1873, 303, 314.]

## 1873. — CHAPTER 374.

## AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT RELATING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The officers and men of the fire department of the city of Boston, with the engines and apparatus thereof, shall have the right of way, while going to a fire upon any alarm thereof through any street, lane, or alley, in the said city, subject to such rules and regulations as the city council may prescribe. Whoever wilfully and maliciously obstructs or retards the passage of such engines and apparatus while so going to a fire, as aforesaid, shall be punished by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding three months, or by fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Fire department to have right of way in streets in Boston. 104 Mass. 87.

SECT. 2. The first section of chapter two hundred and sixty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty is hereby amended by adding at the end of the proviso thereto, the words "unless the

Amendment to 1850, 262, § 1.

said city council shall, by ordinance, otherwise provide for their appointment."

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 12, 1873.

[1850, 262.]

## 1874. — CHAPTER 60.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND TO REGULATE THE PREPARATION AND REVISION OF THE VOTING-LISTS IN SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Board of registrars of voters to be appointed by the mayor and aldermen.

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, as soon as may be after the passage of this act, three able and discreet persons, inhabitants of said city, to be styled the Board of Registrars of Voters. One of said registrars shall hold his office for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, from the first day of April in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four. And annually thereafter, in the month of February or March, the mayor and aldermen shall appoint one person, qualified as aforesaid to be a registrar of voters, for the term of three years from the first day of April in the year of his appointment. And in case of a vacancy in the office of registrar by reason of death, resignation, or removal, the mayor and aldermen shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of a person qualified as aforesaid, to hold office for the residue of the term.

To perform all duties respecting preparation of voting-lists heretofore required of mayor and aldermen.

SECT. 2. The registrars shall, in addition to the duties imposed upon them by this act, perform all and singular the duties devolved upon the mayor and aldermen or board of aldermen by any general or special laws which now are, or hereafter may be, in force, respecting the preparation, correction, revision, publication, and transmission to the ward officers, of the alphabetical lists of voters to be used at elections in said city; and all the powers so conferred, and all the duties and liabilities so imposed upon the mayor and aldermen, or board of aldermen, of said city in relation to the preparation, correction, revision, publication, and transmission, of said lists, are hereby conferred and imposed exclusively upon said registrars.

To be sworn.

SECT. 3. The registrars shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take and subscribe an oath faithfully to perform the same. They shall receive such annual compensation as the city council may from time to time determine; but any reduction of compensation shall take effect upon such registrars only as shall be appointed after such reduction.

Compensation.

To appoint assistant registrars.

SECT. 4. The registrars shall annually, between the first day of May and the first day of October, appoint assistant-registrars of voters, inhabitants of said city, not exceeding two for each ward, who shall be sworn by one of the registrars to the faithful discharge of their duties, and shall hold office for the remainder of the municipal year, unless sooner discharged by the registrars. They shall receive such compensation as the city council may from time to time determine; but such compensation shall not be regulated by the number of names registered on any list of voters.

Compensation.

To prepare and publish lists of voters.

SECT. 5. The registrars, and the assistant-registrars under their direction, shall prepare, correct, revise, and publish, in accordance with this act, and with the laws of the commonwealth, the alphabetical lists of voters of each ward; and the collectors of taxes of said city shall make the return now required by law to be made to the

mayor and aldermen, to the board of registrars of voters; and all assessors and collectors of taxes of said city shall furnish any information in their possession, necessary to aid the registrars and assistant-registrars in the discharge of their respective duties.

Collectors of taxes to make return to board

SECT. 6. [The registrars shall, at least twenty days before the day of the annual state election, cause printed lists of the voters in each ward to be posted in three or more places in such ward, with notices thereon, stating the place and hours in which they or the assistant-registrars for such ward will hold sessions to correct and revise the lists. Such sessions shall be held in or near each ward, three or more hours daily, for at least twelve days within the twenty days immediately preceding the annual state election, and in addition, six evening sessions, of at least two hours length each, shall be held within said twenty days. If the assistant-registrars refuse to place the name of any person on the voting-list, he may appeal to the board of registrars of voters.]

To post lists in each ward twenty days before state election. 1877, 233, § 3.

Substitute, 1890 225, § 3.

SECT. 7. The registrars may make such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, for the government of the assistant-registrars, and for carrying out the provisions of this act, as they may deem necessary.

To make rules and regulations for government of assistants.

SECT. 8. The city council shall furnish office-room for the registrars, and shall, when requested by them, provide in or near each ward a suitable room for their sessions.

To be furnished with office-room.

SECT. 9. The registrars may remove any officer appointed by them, may fill vacancies, and may make temporary appointments in case of absence.

May remove any officer appointed by them.

SECT. 10. No person who holds an office by election or appointment under the government of the United States, of the commonwealth, or of the city of Boston, except justices of the peace and officers of the militia shall be appointed registrar or assistant-registrar; and the appointment or election of a registrar or assistant-registrar to any such office, and his acceptance thereof, shall be deemed to be a resignation of his office of registrar or assistant-registrar.

No person holding office under city, state, or nation, to be appointed registrar or assistant.

SECT. 11. Whoever gives a false name or a false answer to any registrar or assistant-registrar concerning any matter relating to the registration of voters, or to the right of any person to vote, shall incur the same penalty which is provided by law for giving a false name or false answer to the selectmen of towns when in session to correct the list of voters.

Penalty for giving false name or false answer to registrars.

SECT. 12. Any registrar or assistant-registrar who wilfully neglects or refuses to perform the duties of his office shall, for each offence, forfeit a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Penalty for neglect of official duty.

SECT. 13. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

Subject to acceptance by city council.

March 10, 1874.

[1878, 243; 1879, 163; 1880, 225; 1881, 221.]

## 1874. — CHAPTER 61.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. George A. Curtis, Joseph F. Hovey, Joseph W. Kinsley, William B. Sears, Henry B. White, George F. Osborne, C. E. Guild, Charles E. Lane, John W. Porter, and all other officers for the time being of any incorporated company or association, and

Corporators.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted by the city council, April 17, 1874.

Real and personal estate.

May maintain a corps of men to discover and prevent fires, whose appointment shall be subject to approval of fire commissioners.

Proviso.

Right of way through the streets while going to a fire.

Annual meetings of the corporation.

Insurance companies to have right to be represented.

Payment of expenses provided for.

any agent doing the business of fire insurance in the city of Boston, who may become associated with them and their successors, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the "Boston Protective Department," with power to sue and be sued, and may hold by purchase, devise, or otherwise, real and personal property for the use of said corporation, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and may sell and convey any part thereof, subject, however, to the laws of this state.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have power to provide and maintain a corps of men, with proper officers, whose duty it shall be, so far as practicable, to discover and prevent fires; and whose appointment shall be subject to the approval of the board of fire commissioners; shall provide suitable apparatus to save and preserve life and property at or after a fire, and power is hereby granted to such corps and its officers to enter any building on fire, or which in their judgment is immediately exposed to, or in danger of taking fire from other burning buildings, to protect and save life and property therein, and to remove such property or any part thereof at or immediately after a fire: *provided, however*, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to lessen in any way the authority of the officers or members of the Boston fire department, or to warrant or justify any interference with them in the performance of their duties, nor shall it in any way justify the owner of any building or personal property in the abandonment of his property.

SECT. 3. The officers and men of the Boston protective department, with their teams and apparatus, shall have the right of way, while going to a fire, through any street, lane, or alley, in the city of Boston, subject to such rules and regulations as the city council and the fire commissioners may prescribe, and subject also to the rights of the Boston fire department, and any violation of the street rights of the Boston protective department shall be punished in the same manner as is provided for the punishment of violations of the rights of the Boston fire department in chapter three hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

SECT. 4. In the month of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and in the month of March of every year thereafter, there shall be held a meeting of the corporation hereby created, of which ten days' previous notice shall be inserted in at least two newspapers published in the city of Boston, at which meeting each incorporated insurance company or association doing business in the city of Boston, whether its officers or its agents be members of this corporation or not, shall have the right to be represented by one of such officers or agent, and each organization represented at such meeting shall be entitled to one vote.

A majority of the whole number so represented shall have power to decide upon the question of sustaining the corps herein before mentioned, and of fixing the maximum amount of expenses which shall be incurred therefor during the fiscal year next to ensue; and the whole of such amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, may be assessed upon the organizations belonging to this corporation, and upon all other organizations and agencies, as herein before mentioned, in proportion to the several amounts of premiums returned as received by each, as hereinafter provided, and such assessment shall be collectable by this corporation in any court of law in the state of Massachusetts.

SECT. 5. To provide for the payment of persons employed, and to maintain the apparatus for saving life and property contemplated, this corporation is empowered to require a statement to be furnished semi-annually by all corporations, associations, underwriters, agents,

or persons, of the aggregate amount of premiums received for insuring property in the city of Boston, for and during the six months next preceeding the thirtieth day of June and the thirty-first day of December of each year, which statement shall be sworn to by the president or secretary of the corporation or association, or by the agent or person so acting and effecting such insurance in said city, and shall be handed to the treasurer of this corporation, within thirty days after the time to which such returns are to be made.

SECT. 6. It shall be lawful for the treasurer or other appointed officer of this corporation, within ten days after the first day of January and the first day of July, in each year, by written or printed demand, signed by him, to require from every corporation, association, underwriter, agent, or person, engaged in the business of fire insurance in the city of Boston, the statement provided for in the last preceding section of this act; and every officer of such corporation or association, and every individual, agent, or underwriter, who shall, for thirty days after such demand, neglect to render the account, shall forfeit fifty dollars for the use of the corporation created by this act; and he shall also forfeit, for their use, five dollars in addition for every day he shall so neglect after the expiration of the said thirty days; and such additional penalty may be computed and recovered up to the time of the trial of any suit for the recovery thereof, which penalty may be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, in any court of record within this state.

Treasurer may require statement to be made by insurance companies.

Penalty for neglect to comply.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 10, 1874.

[1881, 22.]

## 1874. — CHAPTER 89.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section seven of chapter sixty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight is so amended that the commissioners of the cemetery referred to in said act, now known as Cedar Grove cemetery, shall make the annual report required by said section, in the month of May instead of February in each year.

Annual report to be made in May instead of February.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 24, 1874.

[1868, 68.]

## 1874. — CHAPTER 114.

### AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY OUT A PUBLIC STREET OR WAY ACROSS SOUTH BAY."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to lay out the way and construct the bridge authorized by the seventy-eighth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, at any time within two years from the date of the passage of this act: *provided*, that the way hereby authorized, shall not be constructed across any railroad at grade.

May lay out way and construct bridge across South bay.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. Said city may, with the consent and approval of the board of harbor commissioners, construct said way solid, between the

May construct solid way, with consent of harbor commissioners.

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termini set forth in said act, within such limits, and upon such terms and conditions, as said board of harbor commissioners shall determine and prescribe.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 28, 1874.

[1869, 78, 447.]

## 1874. — CHAPTER 139.

### AN ACT CONCERNING MALDEN BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Malden bridge  
to be supported  
by city of Bos-  
ton.

SECTION 1. Chapter ninety-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, are repealed, and Malden bridge shall hereafter be supported by and be under the care and superintendence of the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 1, 1874.

## 1874. — CHAPTER 167.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Establishment  
of Boston  
normal school  
ratified and  
made valid.

SECTION 1. The action of the city council and of the school committee of the city of Boston, in establishing and maintaining the school, called the Boston normal school, is ratified, confirmed, and made valid, to the same extent as if, prior to the establishment thereof, and during its continuance, and at the present time, the said city council, and said school committee, or either of them, had authority to establish and maintain the same; and the said school committee shall have the same power to maintain and continue the said normal school as they have now to maintain and continue the other public schools of said city.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 15, 1874.

[1862, 186.]

## 1874. — CHAPTER 175.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A NEW BRIDGE BETWEEN BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

May build  
bridge between  
Boston and  
Cambridge.

SECTION 1. The cities of Boston and Cambridge are authorized to lay out, make, and maintain, a new avenue from Brattle square in said Cambridge across Charles river to some point on Market street in ward nineteen in said Boston, and to build and maintain a bridge across said river, which shall be a part of said avenue.

Each city may  
take land within  
its own limits.

SECT. 2. Each of said cities may, within its own limits, take land for said avenue in the same manner as lands are taken therein for laying out highways, with the same right to all parties to appeal to a jury, and betterments may be assessed in each city as in the case of other ways.

<sup>1</sup>See city council minutes, 1874, p. 213.

SECT. 3. Said bridge shall have a draw with a clear opening of thirty-eight feet for the free passage of vessels, and the authority hereby given to build said bridge is given subject to the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Draw to have a clear opening of thirty-eight feet.

P.S. 19.

SECT. 4. Each of said cities shall bear the expense of laying out, making, and maintaining, that part of said avenue on its own side of the channel, but the expense of making, maintaining, and operating, said draw shall be borne equally by said cities. And the care and management of said bridge and draw shall be vested in the board of commissioners provided for in section six of chapter three hundred and two of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy.

Expense of making avenue and maintaining draw.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city councils of Boston and Cambridge.

April 15, 1874.

## 1874. — CHAPTER 196.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO IMPROVE STONY BROOK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for the purpose of surface drainage, may remove obstructions in or over Stony brook and the tributaries thereof, so far as the said brook and tributaries flow within the limits of said city; may divert the water, and alter the course and deepen the channel thereof; and, the more effectually to make said improvements, may take or purchase land, not exceeding four rods in width, on either side of the present channel of said brook and of its tributaries, or of any channel into which said waters may be diverted within the limits of said city. Said city shall, within sixty days from the time they shall take any of said lands, file, in the office of the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk, a description of the land so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, and a statement that the same are taken in pursuance of the provisions of this act; which statement shall be signed by the mayor of said city; and the title to all land so taken shall vest in said city.

Boston may remove obstructions in Stony brook.

May take land on either side of channel.

To file in registry of deeds a description of land taken.  
120 Mass. 596.

SECT. 2. Any person injured in his property by any of the acts done by said city, under the first section of this act, shall, upon application to the board of aldermen of said city, have compensation therefor, the amount thereof to be determined by said board of aldermen. And said board of aldermen shall finally adjudicate upon the question of damages, within thirty days after the filing of said application, unless the parties agree in writing to extend the time. In case damages are awarded, payment shall be made forthwith by said city.

Damages to be awarded by board of aldermen.

SECT. 3. If the applicant is aggrieved, either by the estimate of his damages, or by a refusal or neglect within thirty days to estimate the same, he may, within three months from the expiration of said thirty days, or of the extended time as provided in the second section, apply for a jury and have his damages assessed in the manner provided when land is taken in laying out highways. If the damages are increased by the jury the damages and costs shall be paid by the city, otherwise the costs arising on such application shall be paid by the applicant.

If applicant for damages is aggrieved he may apply for a jury.

SECT. 4. All the expenses of improving said brook and its tributaries, authorized by this act, including all damages paid under the preceding sections, shall be paid by said city. But the board of aldermen of said city may assess upon the estates bordering upon

Damages to be paid by city.

Estates may be assessed for betterments.



said brook, as the same now is or shall be after said improvement, and its tributaries, the expenses incurred by them, in proportion to the benefit which they may adjudge said estates to have received by said improvements.

Assessments to constitute a lien on the real estate.

SECT. 5. All assessments made under the fourth section of this act shall constitute a lien on the real estate assessed, for one year after they are laid, and may, together with all incidental costs and expenses, be levied by sale thereof (except as provided in the sixth section of this act), if the assessment is not paid within three months after a written demand of payment, made either upon the person assessed, or upon any person then occupying the estate, or posted upon the premises; such sale to be conducted in like manner as sales for the non-payment of taxes.

Assessments may be apportioned if owner desires.

SECT. 6. If the owner of any estate, assessed as provided in the fifth section, desires to have the amount of said assessment apportioned, he shall give notice thereof in writing to the board of aldermen, at any time before or within twenty days after a demand is made upon him for the payment thereof; and said board of aldermen shall thereupon apportion the said amount into three equal parts, which apportionment shall be certified to the assessors, and the assessors shall add one of said equal parts to the annual tax of said estate each year for the three years next ensuing.

Person aggrieved may petition for a jury.

SECT. 7. Any person aggrieved by the assessment made under the fourth section of this act may, within three months after a written demand for payment, as provided in the fifth section of this act, petition for a jury in the same manner as appeals are made when land is taken in laying out highways. If the assessment is not confirmed by the jury the costs of the application shall be paid by the city, otherwise the same shall be paid by the applicant.

Brook in the city to be under control of the city.

SECT. 8. When the improvements authorized by this act shall have been completed, that part of Stony brook and its tributaries flowing within said city shall be and remain under the control of said city.

Streams flowing into brook not to be restrained. Boston Belting Company.

SECT. 9. This act shall not be construed to authorize the said city to restrain or dam up any of the streams now flowing into Stony brook or into the tributaries thereof. Neither shall it authorize any interference with the estate owned by the Boston Belting Company or its rights in said brook as to the use and purity of its waters.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 24, 1874.

[1868, 223; 1870, 220; 1871, 340.]

## 1874. — CHAPTER 220.

AN ACT TO ANNEX A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Portion of Brookline annexed to Boston.

SECTION 1. All the territory now comprised within the limits of the town of Brookline in the county of Norfolk, with the inhabitants and estates therein situated, northerly of the southerly line of Brighton avenue, is hereby annexed to, and made a part of, the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Suffolk, subject to the same municipal regulations, obligations, and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities in all respects, as the said city of Boston: *provided, however*, that, until constitutionally and legally changed, said territory, including any part of the city of Boston which has been set off from Brookline since the last census,

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shall continue to be, for the purpose of electing members of the house of representatives, part of the county of Norfolk, constituting part of the fifteenth representative district thereof; for the purpose of electing a senator, part of the first Norfolk senatorial district; for the purpose of electing a councillor, part of the third council district; and for the purpose of electing a representative in congress, said territory shall continue to be part of congressional district number eight, as the same are now constituted.

All the duties now required by law to be performed by the selectmen and town clerk of the town of Brookline, or either of them, pertaining to the votes cast by the voters residing upon said territory for representatives in congress, state councillors, senators, and members of the house of representatives, shall in like manner devolve upon and be performed by the board of aldermen and the city clerk of the city of Boston; and the said city clerk shall make returns and meet with the town clerk of the town of Brookline, for the purpose of ascertaining the result of the election of representatives for said fifteenth representative district and making certificates of the same, at noon on the day following said election, at the town clerk's office in said Brookline.

Duties required of selectmen and clerk of Brookline to devolve upon aldermen and clerk of Boston.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants of the said territory shall be holden to pay all arrears of taxes which have been legally assessed upon them by the town of Brookline, and all taxes heretofore assessed and not collected shall be collected and paid to the treasurer of the town of Brookline in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

Inhabitants to pay arrears of taxes.

SECT. 8. The several courts within the county of Suffolk, except the municipal court for the southern district of the city of Boston, the municipal court for the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, and the municipal court for the Charlestown district of the city of Boston, after this act takes effect, shall have the same jurisdiction over all causes of action and proceedings in civil causes, and over all matters in probate and insolvency, which shall have accrued within said territory hereby annexed, that said courts now have over like actions, proceedings and matters within the county of Suffolk: *provided, however*, that the several courts within the county of Norfolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of all actions, proceedings, and matters, that may be rightfully commenced in said courts prior to the time when this act takes effect; and the supreme judicial court, and the superior court, within the county of Suffolk, after this act takes effect, shall have the same jurisdiction of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, that shall have been committed within the said territory, that the supreme judicial court and superior court within the county of Norfolk now have; but if, before this act takes effect, proceedings are commenced in any of the courts within the county of Norfolk for the prosecution of said crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, the said courts within the county of Norfolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of the same for the full, complete, and final, disposition thereof. All suits, actions, proceedings, complaints, and prosecutions, and all matters of probate and insolvency, pending within said territory before any court or any justice of the peace when this act takes effect, shall be heard and determined as though this act had not been passed.

Jurisdiction of courts.

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SECT. 4. Said territory shall be added to and constitute a part of the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the Brighton district. Said court shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction in said territory as it now has by law in its district as it now exists.

Judicial district of Brighton.

SECT. 5. The said territory shall constitute a part of ward nineteen in the city of Boston, and shall so remain until the alteration of the ward limits of the city of Boston provided by law.

Ward nineteen in Boston.

Obligations of contracts not to be impaired.

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Brookline not to be deprived of rights of drainage.

SECT. 6. Nothing contained in this act shall impair the obligations of contracts; and the property and inhabitants of said territory shall continue liable to the existing creditors of the county of Norfolk, in like manner as if this act had not been passed: *provided*, that if any person by reason of his being an inhabitant of, or owning property in, said territory shall be compelled to pay any part of an existing debt or obligation of the county of Norfolk, the amount of such payment shall constitute a debt to him from said county, as hereafter to be constituted, exclusive of said territory, and may be recovered in like manner as other debts against the county of Norfolk.

SECT. 7. This act shall not be construed to divest or deprive the town of Brookline of any legal rights of drainage which it now possesses nor of any powers or authority which it now enjoys under chapter seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "An act concerning drains and sewers in the town of Brookline," with respect to any of the territory herein before described.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 8, 1874.

## 1874. — CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE CHARLES RIVER AND WARREN BRIDGES.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Care of bridges vested in Boston.

SECTION 1. The care, management, and maintenance, of the Charles river and Warren bridges is hereby vested in the city of Boston.

Bridges to be maintained as highways by Boston.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston shall maintain the said bridges as public highways at its own expense, and in accordance with such ordinances as the city council of said city may establish.

Middlesex Railroad Company not to be released from obligation to make repairs, etc.

SECT. 3. Nothing in this act shall release the Middlesex Railroad Company from any legal obligation now existing, to maintain and keep in repair any portion of said bridges, or from any liability for loss or injury that any person may sustain by reason of any carelessness, neglect, or misconduct, of its agents or servants in the construction, management, or use, of its tracks on said bridges.

Repeal.

SECT. 4. Chapter three hundred and three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 22, 1874.

[1880, 125; 1882, 138; 1883, 140; 1884, 827.]

## 1874. — CHAPTER 277.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN BOSTON AND NEWTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Boundary line changed between Boston and Newton.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the cities of Boston and Newton is hereby changed and established as follows: beginning at the stone monument at the intersection of the present boundary line between Boston and Newton with the present boundary line between Boston and Brookline, thence running south-westwardly on said last-mentioned boundary line as continued between Brookline and Newton, seven hundred and thirty-five feet, to a stone boundary post; thence

<sup>1</sup> See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), pp. 75, 76.

turning and running north-westwardly seven hundred and ninety-four feet, to a stone bound on the westerly line of Beacon street; thence north-westwardly on said last-mentioned line continued, two hundred and twenty-seven and six-tenths feet to a stone tangent post; thence north-westwardly on a curved line of nine hundred and eighty feet radius, three hundred and thirty-five feet and four-tenths of a foot, to a stone tangent post; thence north-westwardly two hundred and forty-three feet and seven-tenths of a foot, to a stone tangent post; thence on a curved line of eight hundred and sixty-two feet radius, six hundred and twenty-nine feet and six-tenths of a foot, to a stone tangent post; thence westwardly twelve hundred and twenty-one feet, to a stone bound; all the above-described lines, except the first two, being the south-westerly and southerly boundary lines of Beacon street; thence turning and running northwardly and crossing Beacon street, five hundred and fifty-three feet to a stone bound; thence northwardly one hundred and sixty-four feet and eight-tenths of a foot, to a stone bound; thence northwardly two hundred and sixty-three feet and four-tenths of a foot, to a stone bound; thence northwardly one hundred and seventy-four feet and five-tenths of a foot, to a stone bound; thence northwardly three hundred and ninety-six feet and seven-tenths of a foot, to a stone bound; thence northwardly two hundred and fifty-three feet, to a stone bound; thence north-eastwardly one hundred and fifty-seven feet and eight-tenths of a foot, to a stone bound; thence eastwardly one hundred and five feet, to a stone bound; thence eastwardly sixty-six and one-half feet, to a stone bound; thence eastwardly five hundred and thirty-seven feet, to a stone bound; thence northwardly one hundred and sixty-six feet, to a stone bound on the southerly line of Ward street in said Newton; the eleven last-described lines being the division lines between land of the city of Boston, the land of Amos A. Lawrence, and land late of Daniel Knowles; thence eastwardly on said southerly line of Ward street, thirty-four feet and two-tenths of a foot, to a stone bound; and thence eastwardly on the same, seventy-nine feet to a stone post on the boundary line between Boston and Newton. The new boundary line is laid down, in red lines, on a plan thereof, dated March, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, deposited in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

SECT. 2. All petitions now pending before the county commissioners of Middlesex county for laying out highways situated entirely within the territory hereby transferred from Newton to Boston, shall be heard and adjudicated by the street commissioners of the city of Boston in the same manner as if said petitions had been originally presented to said street commissioners.

*Petitions for laying out highways to be heard by street commissioners of Boston.*

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 29, 1874.

## 1874. — CHAPTER 286.

AN ACT RELATING TO PARKER STREET, KNOWN AS THE CROSS DAM, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The commissioners of public lands shall have full power and authority, with the approval of the governor and council, to act for and in behalf of the commonwealth in causing that portion of Parker street, in the city of Boston, which belongs to the commonwealth, or any part thereof, to be placed in a condition safe and convenient for the public travel, and in repairing and widening and grading said portion of that street, or any part thereof, as they may

*Parker street, in Boston, to be repaired.*

Street may be conveyed to the city of Boston.

deem the interest of the public may require. And said commissioners shall have full power and authority to convey the interest of the commonwealth in said street, or any part thereof, to the city of Boston, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between them and said city, or the said commissioners may discontinue portions of the said street as contemplated by the plan accompanying the tripartite indenture<sup>1</sup> of December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, between the commonwealth, the Boston Water Power Company, and the city of Boston, and convey the same to abutting parties, on such terms as the governor and council shall approve, and generally to act for the commonwealth in all matters pertaining to said interests therein. The expense of said improvement shall be paid from the moiety of the proceeds of sales of lands in the Back bay applicable to filling and improvements, and the same is hereby appropriated.

Expense of improvement.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 29, 1874.

### 1874. — CHAPTER 343.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION OF THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Charter amended.

SECTION 1. The act to incorporate the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department, approved on the thirteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirty, and the act in addition thereto, approved on the seventeenth day of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, are amended, so as to include within the parties entitled to membership of said corporation, and to the benefits thereof, the members of the Boston protective department.

Fee for membership fixed at \$5.

SECT. 2. The first section of the said act of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight is amended, so that the payment for membership may be fixed at five dollars instead of one.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 18, 1874.

[1829, 44; 1888, 181.]

### 1874. — CHAPTER 374.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF OF THE POOR.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Temporary relief for the poor of Boston.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston may appropriate out of any funds in its treasury not otherwise appropriated, or raise by taxation and appropriate, such amounts as they may by vote determine for temporary aid to the poor; the same to be expended in such manner as they may by vote determine; but the amount thus appropriated in any one year shall not exceed one fifteen-hundredth of one per cent. of the valuation of said city for the current year; and the city council shall keep a separate account of all money appropriated under this act.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 27, 1874.

<sup>1</sup> See Back Bay Agreements, p. 78.

1874. — CHAPTER 387.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY OUT A PUBLIC STREET OR WAY ACROSS SOUTH BAY."

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. If any difference of opinion shall arise between the city of Boston and the New York and New England Railroad Company with reference to the grade at which the way authorized by the seventy-eighth chapter of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and by the one hundred and fourteenth chapter of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall cross the tracks of said railroad, or as to the raising or lowering the said way, or the tracks of said railroad, or as to the relative grade of said way and said railroad, either party may apply to the board of railroad commissioners, and thereupon said board shall as soon as possible fix the grade of said railroad at the place where said way shall cross it so as to enable the said city to lay out said way under said railroad at no lower grade, or to lay out said way over said railroad at no higher grade, than the public interests require.

Grade of street across south bay at crossing with New York and New England railroad.

SECT. 2. The said railroad company shall, at its own expense, change the grade of said railroad to conform to the grade fixed by said board of railroad commissioners, within one year after the fixing of said grade; and the said city shall build at its own expense an iron bridge for said crossing, to the satisfaction of said board, and of sufficient width for a double track; and the expense of maintaining and repairing the abutments of said bridge shall thereafter be borne by said city.

Railroad to change grade as directed by commissioners.

SECT. 3. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity to compel compliance with all orders, decrees, and judgments, of the said board of railroad commissioners made under the authority of this act.

Supreme judicial court to have jurisdiction in equity.

SECT. 4. Nothing in this act shall prevent the said city and the said railroad company from entering into an agreement with reference to the grade of said railroad and of said way: *provided*, said way shall not cross said railroad at grade.

City and railroad may enter into an agreement, provided, etc.

June 30, 1874.

[1869, 78, 447; 1874, 114.]

1874. — CHAPTER 400.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO OBTAIN A FURTHER SUPPLY OF PURE WATER AND ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN RESERVOIRS FOR THE STORAGE OF WATER IN THE MYSTIC VALLEY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized, by and through the agency of the Boston water board, or by and through any other agency which shall be established therefor, to take, hold, and convey to, into, and through, said city any or all the water belonging to the water-shed or valley of the Mystic, so called, not hitherto granted, or which flows or drains, directly or indirectly, into Mystic pond or Mystic river, and from time to time to establish and maintain reservoirs for the storage of any or all such waters, or any or all waters flowing into or lying in the Mystic pond or river which have not been otherwise granted, and for that purpose said city may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any water-rights, lands, and real estate, necessary for building and maintaining said reservoirs, or for the erection

City of Boston may take water from the valley of the Mystic, etc.

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of dams, buildings, water-courses, aqueducts, machinery, or appliances, with their accessories, for conducting, purifying, storing, elevating, and distributing, water; and may also take and hold any land on the margin of said sources of supply, not exceeding five rods in width from the high-water mark of said river, pond, or storage-reservoirs, so far as may be necessary for the storage, preservation and purity, of the same, for the purpose of furnishing a supply of pure water to the city of Boston: *provided*, that the city of Somerville, and the towns of Woburn, Stoneham, Winchester, Arlington, Medford, and Malden, or either of them, having previously obtained authority to supply themselves with pure water, may take the waters of any natural basin or artificial reservoir belonging to the city of Boston, within the limits of said municipalities, in the manner and upon the terms to be agreed upon with said city of Boston; and, in case of a failure to agree upon such manner and terms, either party may petition the supreme judicial court for the appointment of a commission of three suitable persons, who shall hear the parties, and determine the manner of taking said waters, and the compensation to be paid to the said city of Boston therefor, upon the basis of a proper and just apportionment of the expense of rendering the same available; and *provided, further*, that the said city of Boston shall not raise the waters of Horn pond more than six feet above the present mean high-water level, nor draw the same below the present level of low-water; neither shall any lands south of Cross street, in the town of Winchester, be flowed to a greater extent than is at present authorized by law.

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May erect dams, and increase height of and strengthen existing dams.

SECT. 2. For the purposes of this act said city may from time to time erect and maintain dams, and may increase the height of and strengthen and maintain existing dams to raise the water, or to form storage-reservoirs; may make and maintain reservoirs within and without said city; may erect and maintain buildings and machinery for elevating the water, and lay down pipes for conducting the same; may build and maintain filters, conduits, and sewers, or other means of purifying the water, or of diverting impurities from the same.

And the said city may, for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct any conduit, aqueduct, water-main, or other work, by it to be made and constructed, under or over any water-course or any street, turn-pike road, railroad, highway, or other way, in such manner as not to unnecessarily obstruct or impede travel thereon; and may enter upon and dig up any such road, street, or way, for the purpose of laying down or constructing conduits, aqueducts, water-mains, or pipes, and for maintaining and repairing the same; and, in general, may do any other acts and things necessary or convenient and proper for the purposes of this act.

Change of grade, etc., of Boston and Lowell railroad.

Said city of Boston may also, with the consent of the directors of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, change the grade or location of so much of said railroad as is situated in the Mystic valley, or with the consent of the county commissioners of Middlesex county, or the surveyors of highways in the towns where such reservoirs are to be constructed, change the grade or location of any highway, public street, or way of travel.

Said city of Boston, in entering upon and digging up any such highway, road, street, or way of public travel, shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as shall be made by the selectmen of the towns wherein such work shall be performed, for the protection of their rights of drainage and sewerage therein; but any person or town using the conduits or sewers of said city for the purpose of drainage, shall bear a proportional part of the expense of constructing and maintaining the same.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property, by the taking of or injury to any land, water, or water-rights, or by the flowage of the lands of any persons, or by the interference with or injury to any use or enjoyment of any of said water to which any person, at the time of such taking, is legally entitled, or by any other doings under this act; and in regard to such taking, injury, interference, and flowage, and the ascertainment and payment of all such damages, the said city of Boston and all persons claiming damages shall have all the rights, immunities, and remedies, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and regulations, which are provided in the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six and the three hundred and sixteenth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty.

Liability for damages.

SECT. 4. Whenever the city of Boston shall dig up any street or way, as aforesaid, it shall restore the same in as good order and condition as the same shall be in when such digging commenced; and the city of Boston shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the several towns within which such street or way may be, against all damages which may be recovered against them respectively, and shall reimburse to them all expenses which they shall incur by reason of any defect or want of repair in any street or way caused by the construction of any of said works, or laying of said pipes, or by the maintaining or repairing the same: *provided*, that said city shall have due and reasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury, and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto.

Streets and ways to be restored to as good condition as when digging commenced.

SECT. 5. If any person or persons shall wantonly or maliciously divert the water, or any part thereof, of any of the rivers, ponds, streams, or water sources, which shall be taken by the city pursuant to the provisions of this act, or shall corrupt the same, or render it impure, or destroy or injure any dam, aqueduct, pipes, conduit, hydrant, machinery, or other property held, owned, or used, by the said city, by the authority and for the purposes of this act, every such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the said city three times the amount of damages that shall be assessed therefor, to be recovered in any proper action. And every such person or persons may, moreover, on indictment and conviction of either of the wanton and malicious acts aforesaid, be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by confinement to hard labor in the state prison for a term not exceeding ten years.

Penalty for maliciously diverting water, or rendering the same impure.

SECT. 6. For the purpose of defraying all the costs and expenses incurred under this act, the said city of Boston is authorized to issue its bonds to such an amount as may be necessary therefor, but not exceeding the cost and expenses incurred under this act, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum; and said interest shall be payable semi-annually, and the principal shall be payable at periods not more than forty years from the issuing thereof; and said bonds shall be known as Mystic water bonds of the city of Boston. And the said city may sell the same or any part thereof, from time to time, by public or private sale, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purposes aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

Boston may issue bonds to defray expenses, etc.

SECT. 7. Nothing contained in the last preceding section shall be construed to prohibit the city of Boston from making temporary loans for the purposes therein set forth, to be redeemed within five years by the said Mystic water loan: *provided*, that the amount of said loan shall in no case exceed the amount authorized by said section.

Not prohibited from making temporary loans.



Subject to acceptance by city council.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance, within two years from its passage, by a vote of the city council of said city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

June 30, 1874.

[1846, 167; 1849, 187; 1850, 316; 1870, 216; 1871, 139.]

## 1875. — CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May hold \$300,000 additional real and personal estate. Statutes and ordinances (ed. 1875), p. 545.

SECTION 1. The Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston, a corporation duly established by law, are hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate not exceeding in value three hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the real and personal estate which they are authorized to hold by an act passed on the twenty-fifth day of April, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-two, entitled, "An act for incorporating the overseers of the poor, in the town of Boston."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 27, 1875.

[1772, 8.]

## 1875. — CHAPTER 80.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOSTON WATER BOARD.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Boston water board established.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston may establish, by ordinance, a water board, to be known as the Boston water board, consisting of three able and discreet persons, to be appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council, and to receive such compensation as the city council may from time to time determine. The said board may be empowered by said city council to exercise all or any of the powers conferred by the statutes of the commonwealth upon the city of Boston, with reference to supplying said city with water, or of the Cochituate and Mystic water boards; and also to act as the agent of the city of Boston in doing any or all things which the city is now authorized to do in relation to the taking of lands, water-rights, and other property, and the establishment and maintenance of works and appliances for supplying the city of Boston or other cities and towns with pure water. Said board may also establish and regulate the price or rents for the use of said water, subject to the provisions of sections twelve and thirteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six; and the words, "Boston water scrip" in said sections shall be construed to include the whole amount of outstanding loans representing the cost of the water works.

1 Allen 361.

104 Mass. 95.

Cochituate and Mystic water boards to be abolished.

SECT. 2. The Cochituate water board and the Mystic water board shall, upon the appointment of the Boston water board, as provided in the first section of this act, be thereby abolished; and the said Boston water board shall, so far as the city council of said city may by ordinance prescribe, succeed to all the powers and duties formerly vested in said Cochituate water board and Mystic water board.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted by the city council, July 12, 1875.

SECT. 3. The salaries of the members of the Boston water board shall not be diminished during the terms for which they are respectively appointed. Salaries not to be diminished during terms for which appointed. Repeal of 1874, 179.

SECT. 4. Chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four is hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 31, 1875.

[1846, 167; 1861, 105.]

## 1875. — CHAPTER 127.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE TO SUPPLY WATER TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The town of Brookline may from its source of supply, or from pipes leading therefrom, sell to the city of Boston such quantity of water, for such time and on such terms as may be agreed on between said city and said town: *provided*, that said city shall first signify its desire to purchase such water by a vote of its common council and board of aldermen, approved by the mayor of said city; and that said town shall first signify its desire to sell the same by a vote of its inhabitants at a meeting duly warned for that purpose. Brookline may sell water to Boston. *Provided*. Contract may be executed to carry votes into effect.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston by its common council, and the town of Brookline at any meeting of its inhabitants, may each authorize any person to execute in its behalf a suitable contract for carrying into effect any votes passed under the first section of this act.

SECT. 3. The vote of the said town in relation to taking water from Charles river, passed on the twenty-second day of April in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, fixing the amount of water to be taken by said town from said river at a million and a half gallons a day, is hereby ratified and confirmed. Vote confirmed relative to taking water from Charles river.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 15, 1875.

## 1875. — CHAPTER 168.

### AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO OBTAIN AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF PURE WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter one hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two is hereby amended by adding after the word "pond" in the eleventh line,<sup>1</sup> the words "or the inhabitants of the town of Hopkinton, from taking from the Sudbury river and its tributaries." Amendment to 1872, 177, § 4.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 1, 1875.

[1872, 177.]

<sup>1</sup> In the ninth line of this reprint.

## 1875.—CHAPTER 176.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

City treasurer may be elected by concurrent vote.

SECTION 1. The treasurer of the city of Boston shall hereafter be elected annually in the month of May or June by concurrent vote of both branches of the city council. He shall continue to exercise all the powers now by law belonging to his office, except those hereinafter given to the collector of the city of Boston; and he may be removed by the mayor, with the approval of the city council.

Removal.

Collector of taxes to be elected, by concurrent vote, in May or June.

SECT. 2. There shall be elected annually in the month of May or June, by concurrent vote of both branches of the city council, a suitable person to be collector of the city of Boston, who shall hold his office until his successor is chosen and qualified. Said collector shall have the powers now possessed by the treasurer of said city as collector of taxes, and shall also collect and receive all assessments, betterments, rates, dues, and money payable on any account to the city of Boston or the county of Suffolk, and shall have all the powers with respect to such collections now possessed by the treasurer of said city, and shall pay over any and all money received by him to said treasurer, within twenty-four hours after receiving the same, taking said treasurer's receipt therefor in duplicate; and shall file with the auditor of accounts of said city the duplicate copy of the same. He shall give bond with such sureties and in such sum, and shall receive such compensation, as the city council shall determine; and he may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the city council.

Removal.

Fees and commissions on collection of taxes, etc., to be paid into city treasury.

SECT. 3. All fees, charges, and commissions, of every kind and description allowed by law for the collection of taxes, betterments, rates, and assessments, of every kind, to any person or persons authorized to collect the same within the city of Boston, shall, after the first day of September eighteen hundred and seventy five, be collected and paid by such persons into the treasury of the city of Boston, and shall become the property of said city. The said city is hereby authorized to pay to such persons such compensation for their services as the city council shall from time to time determine.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

May 3, 1875.

[1802, 7; 1803, 15; 1807, 134; 1878, 176; P.S. 23, § 3.]

## 1875.—CHAPTER 184.

## AN ACT TO ANNEX A PART OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO THE CITY OF NEWTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Part of Boston annexed to Newton.

SECTION 1. That part of the city of Boston in the county of Suffolk, contained within the lines described as follows: beginning at a stone bound near the south bank of Charles river on the premises of William Parsons, at the present dividing line between Boston and Newton; thence running south eleven degrees twenty-nine minutes seven seconds west (magnetic meridian), over the old dividing line between Boston and Newton, across Nonantum street, and the Boston and Albany railroad, to a stone bound in a lane; thence south eleven degrees fifty-nine minutes nineteen seconds west, four hundred thirty-

<sup>1</sup> Accepted May 17, 1875.

eight and ninety-five hundredths feet over said old dividing line, crossing said lane, and across Washington street to a stone bound on the southerly side of said Washington street; thence south nineteen degrees thirty-five minutes seven seconds east, nine hundred seventy-two and forty-three hundredths feet over said old dividing line, across Waverly avenue, to a stone bound on the northerly side of Tremont street; thence south eighteen degrees forty-seven minutes seven seconds east, twelve hundred three and sixty-six hundredths feet over said old dividing line across said Tremont street, to a stone bound on the northerly side of Brighton street; thence north twenty-three degrees fifty-three minutes forty-four seconds east, eleven hundred seventy-one and twenty-three hundredths feet over the new dividing line across Washington street, to a stone bound on the northerly side of said Washington street; thence north forty-seven degrees three minutes fifty-three seconds east, twenty-four hundred eighty-eight and eighty-six hundredths feet over the new dividing line, across the Boston and Albany railroad to a stone bound near the south bank of Charles river; thence by the same course as the last line, and continuing the same to the thread of Charles river; thence by the thread of Charles river, westerly, up the river to a point in the thread of said river at the junction of the boundary lines of Watertown, Newton, and Boston; thence southerly to the stone bound begun at, with all the inhabitants on the lands above described, is hereby set off and separated from said city of Boston, and annexed to and made part of the city of Newton in the county of Middlesex, and shall hereafter be a part of the county of Middlesex; and the same land and the inhabitants thereon shall be deemed and considered as annexed to and constituting a part of said city of Newton, subject to the same municipal regulations, obligations, and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities in all respects as the said city of Newton: *provided, however,* that the said tract of land and the inhabitants thereon, set off as aforesaid, shall be liable to pay all such taxes as are already assessed on them by said city of Boston, or by the town of Brighton, in the same manner as they would have been liable if this act had not been passed.

Land, etc., annexed to Newton to be a part of county of Middlesex.

SECT. 2. The stone bounds, mentioned in section one upon the new boundary line between Boston and Newton, shall be erected by the city of Newton.

Stone bounds to be erected by Newton.

SECT. 3. If any persons who have heretofore gained a legal settlement in the town of Brighton or in the city of Boston, by reason of residence on the territory set off as aforesaid, or by having been proprietors thereof, or who may derive such settlement from any such resident or proprietor, shall come to want and stand in need of relief and support, they shall be relieved and supported by the city of Newton, in the same manner as if they had gained a legal settlement in said Newton.

Persons having legal settlement in territory set off, to be supported by Newton.

SECT. 4. That part of said Boston annexed to the city of Newton by this act, for the purpose of electing a senator to the general court, to which the town of Brighton as part of the third Middlesex senatorial district is entitled, until constitutionally and legally changed, shall be and remain a part of the said town of Brighton; and, until changed as aforesaid, the mayor and aldermen of the city of Newton shall annually, fourteen days at least before the second Tuesday of November, furnish to the mayor and aldermen of Boston correct lists of all persons resident on the said territory annexed, who shall be entitled to vote at said election in the said town of Brighton, or in such ward of the city of Boston as said territory would have been part in, but for this act, so far as may be ascertained by the records and doings of the city of Newton or any of its officers.

Senatorial district.

Jurisdiction of courts and of justices of the peace.

Proviso.

SECT. 5. The several courts within the county of Middlesex, and justices of the peace, after this act takes effect, shall have the same jurisdiction over all causes and proceedings in civil causes and over all matters in probate and insolvency which shall have accrued within said territory hereby annexed, that said courts now have over like proceedings, causes, and actions, within the county of Middlesex: *provided*, that the several courts within the county of Suffolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of all causes, proceedings, and matters, that shall have been rightfully commenced in said courts prior to the time when this act takes effect; and the supreme judicial and superior courts within the county of Middlesex, after this act takes effect, shall have the same jurisdiction of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, that shall have been committed within the said territory, that the supreme judicial and superior courts within the county of Suffolk now have; but if, before this act takes effect, proceedings shall have been commenced in any of the courts within the county of Suffolk for the prosecution of said crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, the said courts within the county of Suffolk shall have and retain jurisdiction of the same for the full, complete, and final disposition thereof. All suits, actions, proceedings, complaints, indictments, and prosecutions, and all matters of probate and insolvency which shall be pending within said territory before any court or justice of the peace when this act takes effect, shall be heard and determined as though this act had not passed.

All interest in public property of Suffolk to be acquitted to Suffolk.

SECT. 6. All the interest which said territory now has in the public property of the county of Suffolk is released and acquitted to the county of Suffolk. Nothing contained in this act shall impair the obligation of contracts; and the property and inhabitants of said territory shall continue liable to the existing creditors of the county of Suffolk in like manner as if this act had not been passed: *provided*, that if any person by reason of his being an inhabitant of or owning property in said territory shall be compelled to pay any part of an existing debt or obligation of the county of Suffolk, the amount of such payment shall constitute a debt to him from said county, as hereafter to be constituted, exclusive of said territory, and may be recovered in like manner as other debts against the county of Suffolk.

Debts of county of Suffolk and city of Boston.

Such portions of the debts and obligations of the county of Suffolk and city of Boston, existing when this act takes effect, over and above the value of all the property belonging to said county as should proportionally and equitably be paid by the inhabitants and property-owners of said territory by this act annexed to the city of Newton, shall be paid by said city to said county of Suffolk and city of Boston, and the supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity to determine the amount, if any, and enforce the payment of the same upon a suit in equity, in the name of said county and city, to be brought therefor within six months after this act goes into effect, by the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, if they deem such suit for the interest of the said county and city; but no such suit shall be instituted after six months.

Territory annexed to be part of ward one, in Newton.

SECT. 7. The territory hereby annexed to the city of Newton shall be attached to and made part of ward one in the city of Newton, and shall so remain until the alteration of the ward limits by the city of Newton as provided by law.

County and city ways.

SECT. 8. The city of Newton shall have the power and authority to alter, straighten, widen, repair, and grade, all county and city ways within said territory in the same way that it is now authorized to alter, straighten, widen, repair, and grade, city ways and streets.

Subject to acceptance by city of Newton.

SECT. 9. This act shall not take effect unless accepted by the city of Newton within two months from its passage.

SECT. 10. The city clerk of Newton shall certify to the secretary of the commonwealth the acceptance by the city council of Newton, immediately after the same has been accepted.

City clerk to certify acceptance to secretary of the commonwealth.  
When to take effect.

SECT. 11. So much of this act as authorizes the city council of Newton to accept the same shall take effect upon its passage, and if accepted as herein provided it shall take effect on the first day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

May 5, 1875.

## 1875. — CHAPTER 185.

### AN ACT FOR THE LAYING OUT OF PUBLIC PARKS IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of Boston, with the approval of the city council, shall, as soon as may be after this act shall take effect, appoint three competent commissioners, who shall hold their offices until the expiration of terms of two, three, and four years, respectively, from the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five. The mayor shall, with like approval, before the first day of May in each year after the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, appoint a commissioner, to continue in office for the term of three years from said day. No person shall be a commissioner who is at the same time a member of the city council of said city; and any commissioner may at any time be removed by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the whole of each branch of said council.

Three commissioners to be appointed by the mayor of Boston.

SECT. 2. Said commissioners shall constitute a board of park commissioners, and any vacancy occurring in said board shall be filled for the residue of the term of the commissioner whose place is to be filled, in the same manner in which such commissioner was originally appointed. Said commissioners shall receive such compensation as the city council shall determine.

Board of park commissioners.  
Vacancies.

Compensation.

SECT. 3. Said board shall have power to locate, within the limits of the city of Boston, one or more public parks; and, for that purpose, from time to time, to take in fee, by purchase or otherwise, any and all such lands as said board may deem desirable therefor, or to take bonds for the conveyance thereof to said city; to lay out, improve, govern, and regulate, any such park or parks, and the use thereof; to make rules for the use and government thereof, and for breaches of such rules, to affix penalties not exceeding twenty dollars for one offence, to be imposed by any court of competent jurisdiction; to appoint all necessary engineers, surveyors, clerks, and other officers, including a police force to act in such parks; to define the powers and duties of such officers, and fix the amount of their compensation; and generally to do all needful acts for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to, or imposed upon, said city, or said board, by this act: *provided, however*, that no land shall be taken, or other thing, involving an expenditure of money done, until an appropriation, sufficient to cover the estimated expense thereof, shall have been made by a vote of two-thirds of each branch of the city council of said city.

May locate, etc., one or more parks in the city.

To make rules for government of parks.

To appoint engineers and police force.

No land to be taken until sufficient appropriation is made.

SECT. 4. Said board shall, within sixty days after the taking of any land under this act, file in the registry of deeds for the county in which the land is situated, a description thereof, sufficiently accurate for identifying the same.

To file in registry of deeds a description of the land taken.

SECT. 5. Said board shall estimate and determine all damages sustained by any persons by the taking of land or other acts of said

To estimate and determine all damages.

board in the execution of the powers vested in them by this act; but any party aggrieved by any such determination of said board, may have his damages assessed by a jury of the superior court, in the same manner as is provided by law, with respect to damages sustained by reason of the laying out of ways in the city of Boston.

Fee of lands  
taken to vest in  
city.

SECT. 6. The fee of all lands taken or purchased by said board under this act shall vest in the city of Boston, and said city shall be liable to pay all damages assessed or determined, as provided in the preceding section, and all other costs and expenses incurred by said board in the execution of the powers vested in them by this act. Said city shall also be authorized to take and hold in trust, or otherwise, any devise, grant, gift, or bequest, that may be made for the purpose of laying out, improving, or ornamenting, any parks in said city.

Real estate may  
be assessed for  
betterments.  
127 Mass. 408.  
131 Mass. 225.  
133 Mass. 321.

SECT. 7. Any real estate in the city of Boston, which, in the opinion of said board, shall receive any benefit and advantage from the locating and laying out of a park under the provisions of this act, beyond the general advantages to all real estate in the city of Boston, may, after like notice to all parties interested as is provided by law, to be given by the street commissioners of the city of Boston in cases of laying out streets in said city, be assessed by said board for a proportional share of the expense of such location and laying out: *provided*, that the entire amount so assessed upon any estate shall not exceed one-half of the amount which said board shall adjudge to be the whole benefit received by it.

Proviso.

Assessments to  
be made within  
two years.

SECT. 8. No assessment shall be made as provided in the preceding section, except within two years after the passage of the order, the execution of which causes the benefit for which the assessment is made.

To constitute a  
lien upon real  
estate.

SECT. 9. All assessments made under this act shall constitute a lien upon the real estate so assessed, to be enforced and collected by the city of Boston in the same manner and with like charges for costs and interest as is provided by law for the collection of taxes; and such assessments may be apportioned by said board in like manner as assessments for benefits caused by the laying out of ways may now be apportioned by the street commissioners of said city.

Party aggrieved  
may have assess-  
ment by a jury.

SECT. 10. Any party aggrieved by any assessment made by said board as aforesaid, may have the amount of the benefit received by his estate assessed by a jury of the superior court in the same manner as is provided by law with respect to damages sustained by reason of the laying out of ways in the city of Boston.

Assessment  
upon leased real  
estate to be paid  
by owner.  
Owner may  
collect addi-  
tional rent of  
lessee.

SECT. 11. When an assessment is made under this act upon an estate, the whole or any portion of which is leased, the owner of the estate shall pay the assessment, and may thereafter collect of the lessee an additional rent for the portion so leased, equal to ten per centum per annum on that proportion of the whole sum paid, which the leased portion bears to the whole estate after deducting from the whole sum so paid any amount he may have received for damages to the estate above what he has necessarily expended on such estate by reason of such damages.

Public park  
loan.

SECT. 12. For the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred under the provisions of this act, the city council of Boston shall have authority to issue, from time to time, and to an amount not exceeding the amount actually expended for the purchase or taking of lands for said parks, bonds or certificates of debt, to be denominated, on the face thereof, the "Public Park Loan," and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and to be payable at such periods as said council may determine. For the redemption of such loan, said council shall establish a sinking-fund sufficient, with the

Sinking fund.

accumulating interest, to provide for its payment at maturity. All sums received for betterments shall be paid into said sinking-fund, until such fund shall amount to a sum sufficient, with its accumulation, to pay at maturity the bonds for the security of which the fund was established.

SECT. 13. No street or way, and no steam or horse railroad, shall be laid out over any portion of any park located under this act, except at such places and in such manner as said board shall approve. Streets, etc., not to be laid out over park, except as board approves.

SECT. 14. No military encampment, parade, drill, review, or other military evolution or exercise, shall be held or performed on any park laid out as aforesaid, except with the prior consent of said board; nor shall any military body, without such consent, enter or move in military order within the same, except in case of riot, insurrection, rebellion, or war. Military bodies not to enter park, unless board consent.

SECT. 15. Said board shall annually, in the month of January, make to the city council of Boston a full report of its doings for the preceding year, including a detailed statement of all their receipts and expenditures. Annual report to be made to city council.

SECT. 16. The mayor of any city adjoining the city of Boston may, with the approval of the city council of such adjoining city, appoint, and the inhabitants of any town adjoining the city of Boston may, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, elect park commissioners, who shall have powers similar to those herein before given to the park commissioners of the city of Boston, to lay out and improve parks within such adjoining city or town, in conjunction or connection with any park laid out in Boston; and any park laid out by the park commissioners of such adjoining city or town shall be subject to similar provisions to those herein before made regarding parks in Boston, and such adjoining city or town shall have similar rights, and be subject to similar duties, to those herein before given to, and imposed upon, the city of Boston in relation to incurring debts for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred under this act: *provided, however*, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any such adjoining city that has not accepted the same by a vote of a majority of the legal voters at the annual meeting for the choice of municipal officers. Park commissioners may be appointed in cities adjoining Boston.

SECT. 17. This act shall not take full effect unless accepted<sup>1</sup> by a majority of the legal voters of the city of Boston, present, and voting thereon, by ballot and using the check-list, at meetings which shall be held in the several wards of said city on the second Wednesday of June in the present year, and upon notice thereof duly given at least seven days before the time of said meetings; and the polls shall be opened not later than nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed not earlier than six o'clock in the afternoon of said day. In case of the absence of any ward officer at any ward meeting in said city, held for the purpose aforesaid, a like officer may be chosen *pro tempore* by hand vote, and shall be duly qualified, and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of the regular officer at said meetings. Said ballots shall be "yes" or "no," in answer to the question, "Shall an act passed by the legislature of the commonwealth, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled 'an act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston,' be accepted?" Such meetings shall be called, notified, and warned, by the board of aldermen of said city in the same manner in which meetings for the election of municipal officers are called, notified, and warned. Subject to acceptance by a majority vote.

The ballots given in shall be assorted, counted, and declared, in Meetings to be notified, etc., as

<sup>1</sup> Accepted June 9, 1875; see Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), p. 590, note. An act for the laying out of one or more public parks in or near the city of Boston, approved May 27, 1870 (St. 1870, c. 283), was rejected.



for election of  
municipal  
officers.

Board of alder-  
men to certify  
result to secre-  
tary of the com-  
monwealth.

Secretary to  
issue his certifi-  
cate if act is ac-  
cepted.

When to take  
effect.

open ward meeting, and shall be registered in the ward records. The clerk of each ward shall, within forty-eight hours of the close of the polls, make return to the board of aldermen of the number of ballots cast in his ward in favor of the acceptance of this act, and of the number cast against its acceptance. And it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen to certify, as soon as may be, to the secretary of the commonwealth, the whole number of ballots cast in said city in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the whole number cast against said acceptance; and if it shall appear that a majority of the ballots have been cast in favor of acceptance, the said secretary shall immediately issue and publish his certificate declaring this act to have been duly accepted.

SECT. 18. So much of this act as authorizes and directs the submission of the question of its acceptance to the legal voters of the city of Boston shall take effect upon its passage.

May 6, 1875.

## 1875. — CHAPTER 195.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Land may be  
granted to  
Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology.

Proviso.

SECTION 1. The governor and council are hereby authorized to grant to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology the right to hold, occupy, and control, such a parcel of land out of the lands of the commonwealth, situated in that part of Boston called the Back bay, as they shall deem a fair equivalent for the similar right with regard to the parcel of land granted to said institute by the one hundred and seventy-fourth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three: *provided*, that said institute shall execute a satisfactory release to the commonwealth of all its right, title, and interest, in and to said last named parcel acquired by it under said act.

The said institute shall thereupon have the right to hold, occupy, and control, the said first-named parcel of land upon the same trusts, and subject to the same limitations, stipulations, and conditions, as are set forth in said act, with reference to the parcel described therein.

Land may be  
granted to the  
city of Boston,  
to be kept open  
as a public park,  
etc.

SECT. 2. Upon the release to the commonwealth by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of all its right, title, and interest, in the parcel of land granted to it by the one hundred and seventy-fourth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and upon payment by the city of Boston of such a sum to the treasurer of the commonwealth, as may be deemed adequate by the governor and council, the said governor and council are hereby authorized to grant to said city of Boston a perpetual right to hold, occupy, and control, said parcel of land, free from rent or charge by the commonwealth, upon condition that it shall forever be kept open as a public park by said city; said lot to be subject to the limitations and stipulations relative to lands of the commonwealth on the south side of Boylston street, and to be reserved from sale forever; and upon the further condition that the city of Boston shall acquire, by purchase or otherwise, the remainder of the trapezoid of land of which this parcel is a part, lying westerly thereof, and between this parcel and Dartmouth street, and shall appropriate it to the same purpose.

If the land is  
used for any  
other purpose,  
commonwealth

SECT. 3. In case said city shall appropriate the parcel of land hereby granted, to any purpose foreign to that for which it is granted, then the commonwealth, after due notice given, may enter upon said

lot and take possession thereof, and the right of the city of Boston to the use, occupation, and control, of said lot, shall thereupon cease. may take possession.

SECT. 4. This act take effect upon its passage.

May 8, 1875.

[1873, 174; 1881, 107.]

## 1875. — CHAPTER 202.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONSTRUCT A SEWER IN THE MYSTIC VALLEY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized, for the purpose of preserving the purity and remedying the pollution of the water supplied to said city from Mystic pond, so called, by virtue of chapter one hundred and five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the acts in addition thereto, and amendment thereof, to construct for that purpose a main sewer, with as many branches as may be from time to time deemed necessary, in the Mystic valley and on the easterly side of the ponds and streams which discharge into said Mystic pond, commencing in the town of Woburn, running in a south-easterly direction through the town of Winchester into the town of Medford, and emptying into the lower Mystic pond at some convenient point near the upper end thereof. City of Boston may construct sewer in Mystic valley. 1877, 11, § 1.

Said city is authorized to extend or divert into said main sewer or any of its branches, any streams or water-courses, whether natural or artificial, flowing directly or indirectly into Mystic pond or its head-waters, or into any stream or pond connected with or discharging into said Mystic pond, which contain any sources of pollution.

Said city may also deepen the channel and remove obstructions from any such stream or water-course, and may wall in and cover over the same. It may take or purchase such land as may be necessary for this purpose not exceeding three rods in width on either side of such stream or water-course, or of any channel into which it may conduct or divert the same. May deepen channels and remove obstructions from water-courses.

Said city is likewise authorized to extend or divert into said main sewer or any of its branches, any drain or sewer emptying directly or indirectly into Mystic pond, or into any stream or pond connected with or discharging into said Mystic pond.

Said city is likewise authorized to conduct or divert into said main sewer or any of its branches, any sewage, drainage, or pollution of any kind, caused by any town, corporation, person or persons, which now finds or shall hereafter be in danger of finding its way directly or indirectly into said Mystic pond, or its head-waters, or into any stream or pond connected with or discharging into said Mystic pond.

Said city may, for the purposes aforesaid, erect such machinery, pumps, and appliances of any kind which may be found necessary from time to time. May erect machinery, pumps, etc.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston may take and hold by purchase or otherwise, any lands, real estate, or water-rights, necessary for laying and maintaining said main sewer and its branches, and for the extension or diversion of any water-courses, natural or artificial, and of any drains or sewers which it may extend or divert, and for the construction of any works which it may erect by virtue of the provisions of this act. May take and hold lands and water-rights.

It may construct said main sewer and its branches, and conduct, extend, or divert, said water-courses, sewers, or drains, over or under any water-course, or any streets, turnpike roads, railroads, highways or other ways, and may enter upon and dig up such roads, streets, or May dig up roads or ways.

ways, for the purpose of construction, maintenance, and repair, and in such a manner as not to render the same unnecessarily inconvenient for public travel during the work thereon, and in general may do other acts and things necessary and proper for the purposes of this act.

Said city of Boston may, also, with the consent of the directors of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, for the time being, change the grade or location of so much of said railroad as is situated in the Mystic valley. It may also change the grade of any highway, public street, or way of travel, within the towns of Medford, Woburn, or Winchester, crossed by said sewer or any of its branches, subject to such reasonable regulations as may be prescribed by the selectmen of the town in which such highway or street is located.

Flow of water in streams intercepted by sewers.

SECT. 3. Wherever said main sewer or its branches shall intercept streams, drains, or sewers, existing at the date of the passage of this act, the said city of Boston shall connect the same with said main sewer or its branches, or make such other provision as not to destroy or unnecessarily injure the flow of the same.

To restore streets to good order and condition.  
City of Boston liable for damages, etc.

SECT. 4. Whenever the city of Boston shall dig up any street or way, as aforesaid, it shall restore the same to as good order and condition as the same shall be in when such digging commenced; and the city of Boston shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the town of Woburn, the town of Winchester, and the town of Medford, against all damage which may be recovered against them, respectively, and shall reimburse to them, respectively, all expenses which they shall incur, by reason of any defect or want of repair in any street or way, caused by the construction of said main sewer or any of its branches, or the extension or diversion of said water-courses, sewers, or drains, or by the maintaining or repairing of the same: *provided*, that said city shall have due and reasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury, and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto.

Proviso.

Sewer to be substantially made and kept in order by Boston.

SECT. 5. The main sewer and its branches to be constructed under this act shall be the property of the city of Boston, shall be substantially made with brick and stone, or with such other materials and in such manner as the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall permit or direct, and shall be kept and maintained in good order by the city of Boston.

Expense of repairs to be assessed upon persons benefited.

The city of Boston shall at all times have the right to repair the same, and to remove stoppages therefrom, and may assess the expense, or any portion thereof, on all persons benefited by such repairs, or removal of obstructions, in the manner designated in the eleventh and twelfth sections of chapter forty-eight of the general statutes of the commonwealth, and the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall have the powers therein granted to selectmen of towns, but no part of such expense shall be assessed upon towns, corporations, or persons, who do not use said main sewer or its branches, or who are lawfully entitled to discharge their sewage or drainage into said Mystic pond or its head-waters at the date of the passage of this act. All juries applied for under this section shall be drawn from the county of Middlesex.

Liability for damages.

SECT. 6. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person, town, or corporation, in his or its property, by the taking of or injury to any land, real estate, water, or water-rights, or by the interference with or injury to the use of any water-course to which such person, town, or corporation, is legally entitled at the time of such taking; and in regard to such taking, injury, or interference, and the ascertainment and payment of all such damages, the said city of Boston and all persons, towns, or corpora-

tions, claiming damages, shall have all the rights, immunities, and remedies, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and regulations, which are provided in the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, the one hundred and eighty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and the three hundred and sixteenth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty.

SECT. 7. No corporation, person, or persons, shall hereafter discharge any sewage, drainage, or pollution, of any kind, which they have not the legal right so to discharge, at the date of the passage of this act, and no city or town shall discharge its public drainage or sewage into the said upper Mystic pond, or any head-water, pond, or stream, running into, or connected therewith, or into the said main sewer or any of its branches, or into any drain or sewer directly or indirectly connected therewith, or into any stream or water-course diverted into said main sewer, or into the branches thereof, or into any drain, sewer, or conduit, emptying into said stream or water-course or its branches, without the permission of the city of Boston; but any such town, corporation, person, or persons, may, with the permission of the city of Boston, enter a drain or sewer into such main sewer or any of its branches, upon giving six months' notice to said city of Boston of their desire so to do, and upon payment of a reasonable compensation to said city for the use of the same.

Drainage of other towns, etc., not to enter main sewer without consent of Boston. 1877, 11.

If the city of Boston and said town, corporation, person, or persons, shall be unable to agree upon said compensation, either party may petition the supreme judicial court for the appointment of a commission of three suitable persons, who shall hear the parties and determine the compensation to be paid to the city of Boston. Such compensation may consist of a sum in gross, or of a yearly payment to be made to said city, as said commissioners may decide; and the report of said commissioners, or of a majority of them, being subject to the revision of, and being accepted by, the supreme judicial court, shall be final, and judgment shall issue thereon.

Compensation for use of sewer by other towns.

The entry of any drain or sewer into said main sewer or any of its branches, shall be made under the direction of the city of Boston, and subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as may be made by the city council thereof.

Upon the establishment by the towns of Woburn or Winchester or Medford, of any system of sewerage or drainage, the sewers established by said towns to the northward and eastward of said system of sewers of the city of Boston, and through territory which naturally drains toward said main sewer of the city of Boston or any of its branches, shall be entered into said sewers of said city of Boston, and compensation therefor shall be made severally by said towns to said city of Boston, and shall be determined, if the parties shall be unable to agree, in the manner herein before set forth: *provided*, that in all cases under this section, no such town, corporation, person, or persons, shall be entitled to make such entry except by permission of the city of Boston, or upon such terms as shall be determined by the supreme judicial court.

SECT. 8. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to impair the rights heretofore granted to the towns of Woburn and Winchester for supplying themselves with pure water; or to prohibit the saving and use of sewage and drainage matter for fertilizing purposes, or making any local disposition of the same, which shall not pollute the waters of said upper Mystic pond.

Rights of Woburn and Winchester not to be impaired.

SECT. 9. If any town, corporation, person, or persons, shall wantonly or maliciously discharge any sewage, drainage, or cause of pollution, into the said upper Mystic pond, or any head-water, pond, or

Penalty for polluting water of Mystic pond.

stream, running into or connected therewith, such town, corporation, person, or persons, shall be liable to the penalties declared in the fifteenth section of the one hundred and sixty-seventh chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six.

Penalty for unlawfully entering drain.

SECT. 10. If any town, corporation, person, or persons, shall, contrary to the provisions of this act, enter any drain or sewer, or conduct any sewage or drainage matter, or pollution of any kind, into any drain or sewer constructed by the city of Boston by virtue of this act, or into any water-course, stream, or channel, natural or artificial, connected therewith, or shall wantonly or maliciously injure or destroy, or divert or obstruct any such drain or sewer, or destroy or injure any machinery or property held, owned, or used, by the said city by the authority and for the purposes of this act, such town, corporation, person, or persons, shall forfeit and pay to said city of Boston, three times the amount of the damages that shall be assessed therefor, to be recovered in any proper action.

Injunction may be granted by supreme judicial court.

SECT. 11. It shall be lawful for the supreme judicial court, upon application of the city of Boston, to grant an injunction against any unlawful use of or interference by any one with any sewers or drains constructed by the city of Boston under this act, or against the unlawful entry of any drain or sewer, directly or indirectly, into the same, or into any drain, sewer, or water-course, connected therewith, or against the unlawful pollution or corruption of the upper Mystic pond, or its head-waters, or of any pond or stream flowing into or connected with the same; and damages therefor may be assessed by said court, as incident to such process.

Legislature may regulate disposition of sewage from time to time.

SECT. 12. This act shall not be construed to grant an interminable right to discharge sewage into Mystic lower pond; but the legislature may, from time to time, by law, regulate and determine the disposition to be made of such sewage for the purpose of protecting the public health, and especially that of the inhabitants of Arlington and Medford, and preventing the existence of a nuisance, anything to the contrary in this act notwithstanding.

Mystic sewer bonds of the city of Boston may be issued.

SECT. 13. For the purpose of defraying all the cost and expenses incurred under this act, the said city of Boston is authorized to issue its bonds to such an amount as may be necessary therefor, but not exceeding the costs and expenses incurred under this act, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum; and said interest shall be payable semi-annually, and the principal shall be payable at periods not more than forty years from the issuing thereof; and said bonds shall be known as the "Mystic sewer bonds of the city of Boston." And the said city may sell the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, by public or private sale, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purposes aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

Subject to acceptance by city council.

SECT. 14. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.

May 10, 1875.

[1861, 105; 1863, 9; 1870, 210; 1874, 400; 1877, 11; 1881, 303; 1884, Resolves, c. 63.]

1875. — CHAPTER 214.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE OF THE LOCATION AND TRACKS OF THE EASTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, THE BOSTON AND ALBANY RAILROAD COMPANY, AND THE BOSTON, REVERE BEACH, AND LYNN RAILROAD COMPANY, IN EAST BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad Company, are hereby authorized, on the request in writing of the mayor, duly authorized by the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, to discontinue and remove, in whole or in part, such portion of the location and tracks of said corporations as are situated in that part of Boston known as East Boston, and to relocate the same upon a new line, to the east of the present one, in such manner as may be agreed upon between said corporations and the said mayor and aldermen; and for this purpose they may purchase or take land and other property in the method provided for in chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four; and the said relocated road may be constructed over and across tide-waters lying to the eastward of said East Boston, in such manner as may be approved by the board of harbor commissioners.

Location and tracks of railroads may be changed in East Boston.

P.S. 112.

SECT. 2. Should the Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad Company, discontinue and relocate their tracks on the request and in the manner specified in the preceding section, the cost of so doing shall be apportioned among the said Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad Company, and the city of Boston, by a commission which, upon the petition of said corporations, or either of them, shall be appointed, and shall proceed in the manner and with the powers set forth in sections ninety-eight and ninety-nine of chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Expense of relocation to be apportioned among railroads and city of Boston.

P.S. 112, §§ 131-134.

SECT. 3. The amount, or any part thereof, assessed, under this act, against the city of Boston by said commissioners, may be levied upon the estates benefited by said relocation, in the manner provided by law with respect to betterments upon the laying out and discontinuance of highways in said city of Boston: *provided*, that no estate shall be assessed with a betterment exceeding one-half its increased value by reason of the change of location of said railroad companies; and *provided*, that the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall determine that it is expedient that said amount, or any part thereof, assessed by said commissioners against said city, shall be raised by levying said betterments.

Assessment for betterments.

Proviso.

Proviso.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 15, 1875.

1875. — CHAPTER 228.

AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE PURITY OF THE WATER OF LAKE COCHITUATE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the supreme judicial court, upon the application of the city of Boston, to grant an injunction against the discharge of any drainage or sewage matter, or pollution of any kind, into Lake Cochituate or Pegan brook, or any waters flowing into said lake or brook: *provided*, that this shall not be held to

The supreme judicial court may restrain discharge of drainage, etc., into waters of Lake Cochituate

and Pegan  
brook.  
Proviso.  
Sewerage in  
Natick.

destroy the prescriptive right of any person or persons to discharge such matter into said lake or brook.

SECT. 2. The town of Natick shall have the right to divert the waters of any brook, rivulet, or stream, now running into Lake Cochituate, into which the sewerage or drainage of Natick now empties: *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed so as to give any right to said town to divert such brook, rivulet, or stream, into Charles river.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 19, 1875.

[1846, 167; P.S. 80, §§ 96, 97; 1884, 154, 172.]

## 1875. — CHAPTER 241.

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

School committee to consist of mayor and twenty-four persons elected by the voters.  
115 Mass. 383, 602.

SECTION 1. The qualified voters of the city of Boston, at the annual municipal election occurring in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, shall elect twenty-four persons, inhabitants of the city, to constitute, with the mayor of said city, who shall be *ex officio* chairman thereof, the school committee of said city, the members of which shall serve without compensation; the eight persons who shall have received the largest number of votes, shall hold their office for three years; the eight persons who shall have received the next largest number of votes, shall hold their office for two years; and the eight persons who shall have received the next largest number of votes, shall hold their office for one year. In case two or more persons elected shall have received an equal number of votes, those who are the seniors by age shall, for the division into classes hereby required, be classified as if they had received the largest number of votes in the order of ages. And thereafter the qualified voters shall annually elect eight persons, inhabitants of the city, to serve as members of the school committee for the term of three years.

Eight members to be elected every year.

Clerk of wards to make returns of votes to city clerk.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the clerks of the several wards of said city to make returns to the city clerk after each municipal election, of the votes cast in their several wards for members of the school committee, and after the entry by the city clerk of said returns, or of an abstract thereof, in the official book kept for such purpose, it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen to examine and compare said returns and thereupon to cause certificates of election to be issued to such and so many of the members of said school committee as appear to have been chosen at such election; but said school committee shall be the final judge of the qualifications and elections of its own members.

Organization of committee.

SECT. 3. The persons so chosen as members of the school committee shall meet and organize on the second Monday in January, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and annually thereafter, at such time and place as the mayor may appoint. The unexpired term of office of all members and officers of the school committee as hitherto organized and established, shall terminate immediately upon the organization of the school committee elected under this act.

A majority shall constitute a quorum.

SECT. 4. A majority of all the members of the school committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall choose a secretary, not of their own number, who shall also serve as secretary to the board of supervisors, an auditing clerk, and such other subordinate officers as they may deem expedient,

and shall define their duties, fix their compensation, and may remove them at pleasure.

SECT. 5. The school committee shall have the supervision and direction of the public schools, and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties in relation to the care and management of schools which are now exercised and performed by the school committee of said city, except so far as they may be changed or modified by this act, and shall have the powers and discharge the duties which may hereafter be imposed by law upon the school committees of cities and towns. They may elect teachers, and may discharge those now in office, as well as those hereafter elected. They shall appoint janitors for the school-houses, fix their compensation, designate their duties, and may discharge them at pleasure. They may fix the compensation of the teachers, but the salaries established at the commencement of each school year shall not be increased during such year.

Powers and duties of committee.  
5 Cush. 198.  
8 Cush. 160.  
12 Gray, 83.  
103 Mass. 475.  
116 Mass. 365.  
123 Mass. 545.  
133 Mass. 103.  
127 Mass. 290.

SECT. 6. Whenever, in the judgment of the school committee, a new building, or any addition to, or alteration of, a building, is needed for school purposes, of an estimated cost of over one thousand dollars, they shall make a statement in writing to the city council, of the necessity of the proposed building, addition, or alteration; and no contract for the purchase or lease of land, or for the erection, purchase, or lease, of any building, or for any addition to, or alteration of, any building for school purposes, shall be authorized by the city council until such statement has been made, nor until the locality and plans for the same have been approved by the school committee, or by a sub-committee thereof, duly authorized to approve the same.

Building or altering school-houses

SECT. 7. The school committee shall elect a superintendent of schools and a board of supervisors, consisting of not more than six members, and shall define their duties and fix their compensation. The superintendent and the members of the board of supervisors shall hold office for the term of two years, unless sooner removed; and they may be removed for cause at any time by the school committee. No member of either branch of the city council, or of the school committee, shall hold the office of superintendent or supervisor, and no member of either branch of the city council shall be a member of the school committee. The superintendent shall be a member of the board of supervisors, and shall, when present, preside at their meetings.

Superintendent and supervisors to be elected by committee.

SECT. 8. The votes of a majority of the whole number of members of the school committee shall be necessary to elect the superintendent of schools, the supervisors, the head masters of the Latin, normal and high schools, the masters of the grammar schools, or the director of a special study or exercise.

Majority of whole committee required to elect superintendent, masters, etc.

May 19, 1875.

## 1875. — CHAPTER 243.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON INTO TWENTY-FOUR WARDS, AND TO FIX THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the city council of the city of Boston, and it is hereby empowered, during the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and each tenth year thereafter in which a census shall be taken by authority of the commonwealth, to cause a new division of the city to be made into twenty-four wards, in such manner as to include an equal number of voters in each ward, as nearly as conveniently may be, consistently with well defined limits to each

City to be divided into twenty-four wards.



ward, and until such division is made, the boundary lines of the wards shall remain as established.

The city council may, also, from time to time, prescribe a place in each ward at which elections shall be held.

Election of  
members of  
common  
council.  
1876, 225, § 8.  
1876, 242.

SECT. 2. At the municipal election in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and every year thereafter, the qualified voters of each ward shall bring in their votes for three able and discreet men, qualified voters in said ward, to be members of the common council for the ensuing year; and all the ballots so given in each ward, being sorted, counted, and declared, a public declaration of the result shall be made by the warden in open ward meeting; and a record of such proceedings shall be kept by the clerk in his journal, stating the number of ballots given for each person, written in words at length.

Ward officers.

SECT. 3. The terms of office of all ward officers heretofore chosen shall expire on the day before the next annual municipal election; and the mayor and aldermen shall appoint from the legal voters of each ward, as established under the first section of this act, a warden, clerk, and four inspectors of elections, who shall officiate in their several capacities, on the day of said municipal election, upon being duly qualified, and who shall hold their several offices until the first Monday of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

At the municipal election of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and every year thereafter, ward officers shall be elected according to law.

Repeal of 1854,  
448, § 20.

SECT. 4. Section twenty of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed; but nothing contained in this act, or in the proceedings which may be had by virtue of the authority conferred by it upon the city council, shall be held to alter the method of election, or qualifications of the ward officers, or to alter the boundaries of the jurisdiction of the several municipal courts of the city of Boston, as they are now established by law.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 19, 1875.

[1854, 448; 1876, 242.]

## 1876. — CHAPTER 11.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE TIME OF ELECTION OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE COLLATERAL LOAN COMPANY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Government to  
be in seven  
directors.

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter one hundred and seventy-three of the acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The government of the company shall be in seven directors, five of whom shall be chosen annually, at such time as the stockholders may from time to time determine, together with one to be appointed by the governor of the commonwealth, and one to be appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston; and the board thus created shall elect one of their number president, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary.

Proceedings  
confirmed.

SECT. 2. The elections of directors, and other proceedings which have taken place at the annual meetings of said corporation which have been held in November, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if said meetings had been held in October.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 21, 1876.

[1859, 173.]

1876. — CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC URINALS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, by vote of its city council, shall have power to erect and maintain urinals for public use in any street, way, court, public square, common, or common lands, in said city, and likewise in the public garden, so called, lying to the eastward of Arlington street therein. And any owner of land who suffers any injury in his property by reason of the construction of any urinal as aforesaid, may, at any time within one year after the construction is commenced, apply to the superior court for Suffolk county for assessment of his damages by a jury, and have his damages ascertained in the manner provided where land is taken in laying out highways.

Public urinals may be maintained in Boston by vote of city council.  
130 Mass. 170.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 22, 1876.

1876. — CHAPTER 69.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF LIFE IN BUILDINGS OCCUPIED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall be reported to the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston, that any church, theatre, hall, or other building or structure, used or intended to be used temporarily or permanently for any public purpose, or any school-house or school-room public or private, within the city of Boston, is deficient in proper facilities of egress in case of fire or accident, either in the number, width, construction, or arrangement of the entrances, aisles, passages, or stair-ways, or by reason of inner doors opening inward, or from any other cause whatever, arising from the manner of construction or repair of the premises, it shall be the duty of the said inspector of buildings to inspect the same, and if, in his judgment, they are so deficient, he shall notify the owner or owners, occupant, lessee, or other person, having charge thereof, and require of him or them such increased facilities of egress, as, in the judgment of the inspector, the security of the public in life and limb, in case of fire or accident, may require. The person or persons so notified shall be allowed forty-eight hours from the time of the service of the notice to begin the alterations required by the notice; and he or they shall employ sufficient labor to accomplish the same as expeditiously as may be. If he or they shall refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of said notice as aforesaid, then a survey of the premises shall be made in the manner set forth in the thirteenth section of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three. Upon the report of the board of survey, if the same shall declare that said premises are deficient in proper facilities of egress in case of fire or accident, and upon the continued neglect or refusal of the owner or owners, occupant, lessee, or other person, having charge thereof, to provide the requisite increased facilities of egress, then it shall be lawful for the supreme judicial court to issue an injunction forbidding or limiting the use of the premises in such manner as the safety of the public or of persons using the same may require. Such owner or owners, occupant, lessee, or other person, having charge of the premises, shall likewise be liable to a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, for every day's continuance of neglect or refusal to comply with the original notice

Churches, school-houses, etc., reported to be deficient in modes of egress in case of fire, to be examined by inspector of buildings

Owner or occupant to make alterations when notified by inspector.

Supreme judicial court may enjoin owners, etc., from using premises, upon a report of a board of survey.

Penalty for neglecting to make necessary alterations.

of the inspector of buildings, to be recovered by the city of Boston in an action of tort.

Combustible materials in buildings, and obstructions in passage-ways to be made safe, upon order of the inspector.

SECT. 2. Whenever it shall appear to the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston that in any of the buildings or structures, or portions thereof, mentioned in the foregoing section, the security of the public is either temporarily or permanently endangered by the use of combustible stuff or materials, or that benches, chairs, stools, or other obstructions, are either temporarily or permanently placed in the aisles or passage-ways thereof, in such a manner as to prevent free egress in case of fire or accident, during the time when the same may be opened to the public, or that benches, chairs, or settees, are either temporarily or permanently so arranged as not to afford proper passage between them and sufficient egress in case of fire or accident, or that outer doors opening inward are not kept open when such buildings or structures are used by the public, the said inspector shall notify the owner or owners, lessee, occupant, or other person, having charge of the premises, and require him or them to make the premises safe, and if he or they shall refuse or neglect to do so, he or they shall be liable to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, for each offence, to be recovered by the city of Boston in an action of tort.

Penalty for neglect.

Outer doors opening inward, to be kept open while buildings are used by the public.

SECT. 3. All outer doors of buildings and structures mentioned in section one of this act shall be kept open when such buildings or structures are used by the public, unless such doors open outwards, and except that fly-doors, opening both ways, may be kept closed. All inner doors of such buildings and structures shall be made so as to open outwards.

Repeal of 1871, 280, § 60.

SECT. 4. Section sixty of chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one is hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 28, 1276.

## 1876. — CHAPTER 105.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO RECONSTRUCT DOVER-STREET BRIDGE, IN SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City of Boston may reconstruct and widen Dover-street bridge.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to repair, reconstruct and widen Dover-street bridge, so called, situated in said city, to a width not exceeding sixty feet; and may construct fender-guards, may change the location of the draw, and do such other acts as it may deem necessary, expedient, or convenient, in the premises, to secure a bridge and draw which shall safely and conveniently accommodate public travel and navigation; subject, however, to the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

P.S. 19, §§ 12, 13.

May take land, wharves, etc.

Damages.

SECT. 2. To secure and accomplish the objects and purposes of the preceding section, said city may take such lands, buildings, wharves, and structures, as it may deem necessary; and all damages to private property, or for land taken under this act, shall be ascertained, as provided in chapter forty-three of the general statutes.

April 6, 1876.

[1831, 71.]

1876. — CHAPTER 106.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CHELSEA TO RECONSTRUCT CHELSEA BRIDGE.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall have authority to reconstruct that part of Chelsea bridge now maintained by it, in the manner following, to wit: to increase the width of said bridge to sixty-six feet, so that it shall be thirty-three feet in width on each side of the centre of the present bridge; to fill solid to said width the portion between the Charlestown end in the former city of Charlestown, to the harbor commissioners' line, and also the portion between the southerly sea-wall of the filled land of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, and the northerly sea-wall of the flats and filled land of the Mystic River Corporation; to change the location of the draw therein, and to build suitable draw-piers and fenders, subject, however, to the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine. In constructing the portions to be filled solid, the city of Boston shall have the option of building retaining walls, or bulkheads, or of sloping the sides to such an extent as may be necessary to build the roadway of the bridge to the width of sixty-six feet.

City of Boston may reconstruct part of Chelsea bridge.

P.S. 19, §§ 12, 13.

SECT. 2. The city of Chelsea shall have authority to reconstruct that part of Chelsea bridge now maintained by it in the manner following, to wit: to increase the width of said bridge to the extent and in the manner hereinbefore authorized to be done by the city of Boston; to fill solid to said width such portion of said bridge from the Chelsea end towards the draw as the harbor commissioners shall determine and permit to be filled, to the depth of not less than ten feet above mean low-water mark; to construct solid retaining walls for that purpose on both sides of said bridge, and, if said city of Chelsea shall so elect, to slope the westerly side instead of constructing said solid retaining wall; to change the location of the draw-piers and to build suitable piers and fenders for said draw; all subject, however, to the provisions of said chapter four hundred and thirty-two.

City of Chelsea may reconstruct part of Chelsea bridge.

SECT. 3. To secure and accomplish the objects and purposes of the preceding sections, said cities may severally take such lands, buildings, wharves, and structures, as they deem necessary; and all damages to private property, or for land, buildings, wharves, or structures, taken under this act, shall be ascertained as prescribed in chapter forty-three of the general statutes, and be severally paid for by said cities: *provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to compel payment for any land or property within the location of said bridge as originally laid out.

May take land, buildings, wharves, etc.

Proviso.

SECT. 4. Such city shall severally have the right to fill those portions of the bridge hereinbefore authorized to be filled solid, to the depth of ten feet above mean low water mark, with material taken from flats or marsh between high and low water mark at such place or places as shall be designated by the harbor commissioners, and in such case no other compensation for said filling shall be required from said cities.

Harbor commissioners to designate places where material may be taken for filling.

SECT. 5. Said cities of Boston and Chelsea are authorized, during the rebuilding of said bridge, to construct and maintain within their said respective limits, a footwalk; but they shall be subject to no liability for damages for any injury suffered by any person, while passing over said footwalk by reason of any defect therein.

Footwalk may be maintained while bridge is rebuilding.

<sup>1</sup> See Statutes and Ordinances (ed. 1876), p. 73.

Obligations to keep in repair not affected.

Temporary structure may be built for use of Lynn and Boston horse railroad.

Proviso.

Proviso.

SECT. 6. Nothing contained in this act shall affect any obligation existing on the part of any person or corporation to keep in repair any portion of the bridge, after the same shall have been rebuilt.

SECT. 7. Either of said cities is authorized to build a temporary structure, upon which the Lynn and Boston Horse Railroad Company may run its cars at its own risk, while said city is rebuilding any part of said bridge, or said railroad company may build and use said temporary structure itself, subject to the approval of the harbor commissioners: *provided*, that neither city shall be liable to any person or corporation by reason of maintaining said temporary structure, or by reason of any defect therein; and *provided*, also, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit either city from closing said bridge, or any portion thereof, to public travel, whenever it shall become necessary in the construction thereof.

April 6, 1876.

[1878, 41; 1880, 159.]

## 1876. — CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY AND MAINTAIN A MAIN SEWER DISCHARGING AT MOON ISLAND IN BOSTON HARBOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

City of Boston may maintain a main sewer discharging at Moon island.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall have authority, in addition to the powers now possessed by it, for the purpose of laying and maintaining a main sewer running south-easterly from the direction of Charles river, to build and maintain wharves, pumping works, and reservoirs, for said sewer, on the main land, at or near the mouth of Neponset river, thence to conduct said sewer, by means of a siphon or tunnel under the bottom of the harbor, at or near the mouth of said river, to that part of the town of Quincy called Squantum, thence along or across said Squantum and the flats adjacent thereto, to Moon island. Said city shall also have authority to build and maintain a reservoir or reservoirs at Moon island, and other works essential to a proper and convenient discharge of the contents of said sewers. In any construction over tide-water said city shall be subject to the direction of the harbor commissioners in the manner pointed out in chapter four hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

P.S. 19, §§ 12, 13.

May take lands, wharves, etc.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston shall have authority to take such lands, buildings, wharves, and structures, as may be necessary to accomplish the objects of the preceding section; and all damages to private property, or for lands, buildings, wharves, or structures, taken under this act, shall be ascertained as prescribed in chapter forty-three of the general statutes, and paid by the city of Boston.

Sewer may be used in common by Boston and Brookline, by agreement.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston and the town of Brookline may contract with each other for the use and support in common of the city sewer now constructed in Beacon street in Boston and leading into Charles river, and for the building by said town, at its sole expense, within the limits of said city, of a sewer about nine hundred feet in length from the town line to connect the town drains with such city sewer, and for the support, at the joint and equal expense of each, of the outlet of the sewer and the carrying the same out farther into Charles river if necessary; they may also contract with each other for the building and support in common of a new covered channel for Muddy river, such new channel to run from Tremont street along the line of division between said city and town and to empty into the pre-

Covered channel for Muddy river.

sent channel of Muddy river east of Aspinwall avenue; if it shall be necessary to take land for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, said city and said town, each within its own territory, may take such land as may be necessary, and persons aggrieved by such taking shall have their damages ascertained and paid, and all the proceedings shall be conducted in conformity to the laws applicable to the laying out of town ways in said town, and highways in said city.

April 11, 1876.

[1879, 230; 1882, 256.]

## 1876. — CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BUTCHERS' SLAUGHTERING AND MELTING ASSOCIATION IN BRIGHTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter three hundred and sixty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy is hereby repealed; and sections two and four of said act are hereby amended by striking out the words "state board of health" where they occur in said sections and substituting, in place thereof, board of health of the city of Boston. Amendment to 1870, 365, § 6.

SECT. 2. From and after the first day of June in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, the business of slaughtering shall not be conducted within the limits of the city of Boston, except upon the premises of the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association in said city. Slaughtering to be done only at premises of association.

SECT. 3. The said association shall, within a reasonable time, slaughter all cattle, sheep, and calves, which may be brought to their premises for that purpose by persons not occupying tenements therein, whenever the accommodations under their control on said premises will permit. They shall also prepare the meat and other products of such animals for the market. They may charge, in addition to the offal from said animal, such price per head as may be mutually agreed upon; and in case of disagreement as to price, the same shall be fixed by the board of health of the city of Boston. Association to slaughter all cattle, etc., brought to them.

SECT. 4. Said board of health of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to appoint one or more inspectors, to see that the rules and regulations for the conduct of the business of the association for the time being are fully obeyed by said association and their tenants, and also to see that none but healthy animals are slaughtered; the salary or salaries of said inspector or inspectors to be established by the city council of said city of Boston. The said inspector or inspectors shall at all times have access to the premises of said association and any building thereon, and also to the premises, yards, or cars, of any railroad company within the city of Boston, for the purposes of examination, inspection, and seizure, of any meat or animals unfit for human food. Boston board of health to appoint inspectors.

SECT. 5. Said board of health of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to make whatever regulations may seem to them fit in order to prevent the slaughter and sale of animals unfit for human food. To prevent slaughter of animals unfit for food.

April 17, 1876.

[1870, 365.]

## 1876. — CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, RELATING TO THE REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS IN BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Party-walls of dwelling-houses in Boston.

SECTION 1. Party-walls of dwelling-houses not exceeding two stories nor twenty-five feet in height, and not exceeding twenty feet in width and forty feet in depth, in the city of Boston, outside the building limits of said city, may be built of brick, eight inches thick, and be carried twelve inches above the roof; and shall be corbelled at least six inches, or to the outer edge of all projections on the front and rear walls of the building, and be coped with stone or metal securely fastened; and where the roof is of the kind known as Mansard or French, the party-walls shall extend through the slope of the Mansard at least six inches distant from, and parallel with, the roof covering, and be corbelled at least six inches, or to the outer edge of all projections, and shall be coped with stone or metal, securely fastened. Any dwelling-house wall, not exceeding twelve feet in height from the foundation, and not within the building limits of said city, may be built of brick, eight inches thick.

Foundation-walls.

SECT. 2. Foundation walls of buildings, other than dwelling-houses, and not exceeding thirty-five feet in height, in the city of Boston, may be built of irregular rubble-stone, one-fourth thicker than block-stone walls: *provided*, that when such foundation walls are laid on piles, the lower course shall be of block-stone.

Repeal.

SECT. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

April 26, 1876.

[1872, 371.]

## 1876. — CHAPTER 229.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RAILROAD CORPORATIONS TO HOLD STOCK IN THE UNION FREIGHT RAILWAY COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Railroad having terminus in Boston may purchase and hold stock in Union Freight Railway Company.  
Proviso.

SECTION 1. Any railroad company, now or hereafter, having a terminus in Boston, may purchase and hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company: *provided*, that John D. Bates, at present a stockholder in the Union Freight Railway Company, or, in case of his decease, his personal representatives, may, at any time within one year from the passage of this act, tender to any corporation owning shares in said company, a valid transfer and conveyance of all his shares of stock, and that such corporation, upon such tender, shall pay to said Bates, or, in case of his decease, to his personal representatives, a sum of money equal to the par value of the shares of stock tendered as aforesaid: and *provided, further*, that said Union Freight Railway Company shall charge to, and receive of, corporations holding shares of its capital stock, no other rates and charges for carriage of freight than are charged to, and received of, other corporations and individuals.

Proviso.

Any railroad meeting Union Freight Railway may enter upon and use the same.

SECT. 2. Any railroad corporation whose road meets the road of the Union Freight Railway Company may, in the manner prescribed by the board of aldermen of Boston, enter upon, unite its road with, and use the road of, the Union Freight Railway Company, for the transportation of freight; in which case, both corporations shall be

subject to the provisions of sections one hundred sixty-five, one hundred sixty-six, and one hundred sixty-seven, of chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four; and all the other provisions of said chapter applicable to freight railways and regulating rates of freight and freight accommodations for the public shall be applicable to the Union Freight Railway Company. The cars on said road may be drawn by steam power, subject to the approval of the board of aldermen.

SECT. 3. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed as affecting the legal rights of the Commercial Freight and Marginal Freight Railway Companies.

Rights of Commercial Freight and Marginal Freight Railways not affected. Repeal.

SECT. 4. The second section of chapter three hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two is hereby repealed; and the third section of said chapter is amended by striking out the word "five" and inserting instead thereof the words "three and a half."

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[1872, 342; 1873, 235.]

## 1876. — CHAPTER 242.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF WARD TWENTY-TWO OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, INTO TWO WARDS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston shall immediately, upon the passage of this act, proceed to divide the ward now numbered twenty-two in said city, into two wards, to be known as ward twenty-two and ward twenty-five, and to prescribe a place in each ward in which elections shall be held.

Ward twenty-two in Boston to be divided into two wards.

SECT. 2. Upon such division the tenure of office of the ward officers in ward twenty-two, as at present existing, shall expire, and the mayor and aldermen shall appoint, from the legal voters of each ward, ward officers to hold their several offices until the first Monday of January next succeeding such division; and such offices, for the year thereafter ensuing, and every succeeding year, shall be filled in the manner provided by law with respect to ward officers in the city of Boston.

Ward officers to be appointed.

SECT. 3. At the municipal election next succeeding such division the qualified voters of said new ward twenty-two shall carry in their votes for two able and discreet men, qualified voters and inhabitants in said ward, to be members of the common council for the ensuing year, and at said election the qualified voters of said new ward twenty-five shall carry in their votes for one able and discreet man, a qualified voter and inhabitant in said ward, to be a member of the council for the ensuing year. At the municipal election next succeeding, said new ward twenty-two shall be entitled to elect one, and said new ward twenty-five two, members in the manner aforesaid and qualified as aforesaid, and said wards shall thereafter alternately elect one and two members of the common council as hereinbefore set forth. Elections shall be conducted and records thereof kept in the manner provided in section two of chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five: *provided*, that nothing contained in this act shall effect the tenure of office of the present members of the common council from ward twenty-two.

Common councilmen.

SECT. 4. Ward twenty five shall constitute a part of the eighth congressional and eighth Suffolk senatorial districts.

Congressional and senatorial district.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 28, 1876.

[1875, 243.]



## 1876. — CHAPTER 246.

## AN ACT RELATING TO WARD OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Three inspectors  
of elections to be  
appointed for  
each ward.

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of Boston shall, prior to the first day of November in the present year, with the approval of the board of aldermen of said city, appoint for each ward of said city, three inspectors of elections, who shall be qualified voters and inhabitants in such ward. One of said inspectors shall hold his office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, from said first day of November; and in each year after the present, the said mayor shall, before the first day of November, and with the approval of said board, appoint for each ward one inspector of elections, who shall be a qualified voter and inhabitant in such ward, and shall hold office for three years from the first day of November then next succeeding.

May be removed  
at any time.

Any such inspector may be at any time removed from office by said mayor, with the approval of said board, and any vacancy occurring in the office of said inspectors shall be filled, for the residue of the term of the inspector whose place is to be filled, by appointment and approval as above provided.

To be sworn.

SECT. 2. Said inspectors of elections, before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take and subscribe an oath faithfully and impartially to discharge such duties; which oath may be administered by the city clerk, or by his assistant, or by any justice of the peace, and a record made thereof in the office of said city clerk.

Warden, clerk,  
etc., to be  
elected.

SECT. 3. The qualified voters of each ward in said city, at the municipal election to be held in December next, and at each annual municipal election thereafter, shall choose by ballot one warden, one clerk, and three inspectors of elections, each of whom shall be a qualified voter and inhabitant in such ward, and shall hold his office for one year, and until another shall be chosen and qualified in his stead, unless he shall sooner vacate his office in the manner hereinafter set forth.

To be sworn.

SECT. 4. The said wardens, clerks, and inspectors, shall respectively make oath faithfully and impartially to discharge their several duties, which oath may be administered by the clerk to the warden, and by the latter to the clerk and inspectors, or to any or all of said officers by the city clerk, or by his assistant, or by any justice of the peace; and a certificate thereof shall be entered in the record to be kept by the ward clerk.

In case of non-  
election, new  
election to be  
held.

SECT. 5. In case of the non-election of any of said officers, at the annual municipal election, the board of aldermen of said city may issue their warrant in due form for an election to be held at such time and place as said board may deem advisable.

In case of ab-  
sence, officer  
*pro tem.* may be  
elected by hand-  
vote.

SECT. 6. In case of the absence of any ward officer at any ward meeting, such officer may be chosen *pro tempore* by hand vote, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, of the regular officer, at such meeting. The person so elected, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take the oath as hereinbefore provided.

Warden to pre-  
side and have  
powers of mod-  
erators.

SECT. 7. The warden shall preside at all meetings of his ward, and shall have the powers of moderators of town meetings. In case of his absence, the clerk, and in case of the absence of both warden and clerk, one of the elected inspectors, according to seniority in age, shall preside until a new warden has been chosen.

Clerk to keep  
records, etc.

SECT. 8. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make and keep a fair and true record of all meetings, and at the expiration of his term of office to deliver such record, together with all other documents and papers held by him in his said capacity, to the city clerk, by whom such of them as need be shall be transmitted to the next ward clerk.

SECT. 9. It shall be the duty of the warden and inspectors to receive, sort, and count, and of the warden to declare, all votes at any election within such ward; and the clerk may assist in assorting and counting the votes.

Warden and inspectors to receive, sort, and count, votes.

SECT. 10. It shall be the duty of all ward officers named in this act to attend and perform their respective duties at the times and places appointed for elections of any officers, whether of the United States, state, city, or wards, or for the determination of any question submitted to the qualified voters by lawful authority; and to make and sign the returns of the same.

Ward officers to make and sign returns.

SECT. 11. The wardens, clerks, and inspectors of elections, shall receive such compensation for each day's actual service as the city council of said city may from time to time determine, and shall be subject to the penalties to which such ward officers are subject under general laws.

Compensation.

SECT. 12. The registrars of voters of said city shall provide for each ward therein a sufficient number of suitable ballot-boxes. No ballots shall be received at any election, until the full number of ward officers as herein before prescribed has been completed, nor unless the warden, clerk, and at least two of the appointed inspectors, and two of the elected inspectors, are present, nor until each of said ward officers who is present has ascertained by personal examination that the ballot-boxes are empty. While an election is going on, each ballot-box shall be in immediate charge of two inspectors, one from the appointed inspectors and one from the elected inspectors, during the whole time that ballots are received in that box.

Ballot-boxes to be provided by registrars of voters.

Each box to be in charge of two inspectors.

SECT. 13. The wardens and clerks who were elected in the several wards at the municipal election held in December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, shall hold their offices as such, and act at meetings which may be held in said wards prior to and including the next municipal election; and such of the inspectors of elections in each ward as were elected at said municipal election, or so many of them as may be present, shall likewise hold their offices as such, and act at the meetings which may be held in said wards prior to and including the next municipal election, notwithstanding their number may exceed three; but if any vacancies occur in their number, such vacancies shall not be filled unless the same is required to complete the number of three elected inspectors, and said vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided in section six of this act.

Ward officers elected in December, 1875, to serve at next municipal election.

SECT. 14. Sections seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, and fourteen, of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and all other acts, and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

April 28, 1876.

[1854, 448, §§ 7, 14; 1874, 60; 1878, 243; 1879, 163; 1880, 225; 1881, 221, 291.]

## 1877. — CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ELEVEN OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX, RELATING TO SUPPLYING THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Section eleven of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six is hereby amended by striking out the words "mayor, treasurer, and auditor, of the city, or the major part of them for the time being," and inserting

Amendment to 1846, 167, § 11.

instead thereof the words "board of commissioners on the sinking-funds for the payment or redemption of the city debt, as constituted by ordinance of said city"

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 6, 1877.

[1846, 167.]

## 1877. — CHAPTER 11.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONSTRUCT A SEWER IN THE MYSTIC VALLEY."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Amendment to  
1876, 202, § 1.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five is hereby amended by striking out the words "and on the easterly side of the ponds and streams which discharge into said Mystic pond." Section seven of said act is amended by striking out the words "to the northward and eastward of said system of sewers of the city of Boston, and."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 16, 1877.

[1875, 202.]

## 1877. — CHAPTER 53.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

School commit-  
tee incorpo-  
rated.

SECTION 1. The school committee of the city of Boston for the time being is hereby made a corporation by the name of The School Committee of the City of Boston, and said committee and its successors in office, elected according to law in said city, shall continue a body corporate, for the purposes hereinafter set forth, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, set forth in all general laws which now are, or may hereafter be, in force relating to such corporations.

Real and per-  
sonal estate.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have authority to receive and hold all sums of money, and real and personal estate not exceeding in the aggregate the value of two hundred thousand dollars, which money may be given, granted, bequeathed, or devised, to it for the benefit of the teachers in the public schools of the city of Boston, or their families, requiring charitable assistance, or for the benefit of any persons, or the families of any persons, who have formerly been such teachers, requiring charitable assistance. It shall have power to manage and dispose of the same according to its best discretion, and to execute any and all trusts according to the tenor thereof, which may be created for the purposes aforesaid.

Charlestown  
school trust  
fund.  
1873, 286, § 12.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall likewise be entitled to receive from the members of the school committee within the present limits of that part of the city of Boston which was formerly the city of Charlestown, the fund known as the Charlestown school trust fund, and shall hereafter manage said fund and disburse the income thereof, within the limits of the former city of Charlestown, according to the tenor of the instruments creating said trust.

March 13, 1877.

[1873, 286; 1875, 241.]

## 1877. — CHAPTER 116.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN. ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS CONCERNING BOSTON HARBOR.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and thirty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, is hereby amended by striking out the words "easterly side of Tuttle's Wharf," and inserting instead thereof the words "Meridian Street Bridge."

*Amendment to 1847, 234.*

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 9, 1877.*

[1847, 234.]

## 1877. — CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NEWTON TO LAY AND MAINTAIN A MAIN DRAIN IN BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Newton is hereby authorized, by its mayor and aldermen, or by a board of three commissioners to be chosen by its city council, to lay and construct a main drain or common sewer on the southerly side of Charles river, through a portion of the Brighton district of the city of Boston to a point in the deep water of said river near the Faneuil station on the Boston and Albany railroad, and opposite the United States arsenal in Watertown, for the purpose of discharging the sewage of the city of Newton into said river; and such main drain, and the works hereinafter mentioned, shall be the property and under the exclusive control of the city of Newton, which shall keep and maintain the same in good order and condition.

*City of Newton may lay sewer through Brighton district to Charles river.*

SECT. 2. The city of Newton may also construct and maintain, at or near the place of discharge of said sewer, such drainage works as it may deem necessary; but said sewer or works shall be so constructed as not to interfere with the navigation of said river or to create a public nuisance.

*May maintain drainage works.*

SECT. 3. The city of Newton may take such lands and buildings as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this act, and all damages sustained thereby shall be paid by the city of Newton, and the same may be ascertained and recovered in the manner now provided by law for the assessment of damages in the laying out of highways in the city of Boston.

*May take land and buildings.*

SECT. 4. The city of Newton may construct such drain or sewer over or under any water-course, highway, town way, railroad, or other way, may change the course of any brook, may enter upon and dig up the same for the purpose of constructing and maintaining such drain or sewer, and may do all such other acts as may be necessary to accomplish the work hereby authorized; but said city shall not unnecessarily interrupt public travel in the doing of said work, and the supreme judicial court in any county, or any justice thereof in term time or vacation, upon complaint of the mayor or aldermen of Boston, or of any corporation whose rights are invaded, may direct the method of performing such work as may affect public travel, public rights, or public health, and enforce such directions and orders by injunction or other suitable process.

*May construct sewer over or under water-course or town way.*

*Supreme court may direct method of performing the work.*

City of Newton  
to indemnify  
and save harm-  
less the city of  
Boston.

SECT. 5. Whenever the city of Newton shall dig up any highway, street, or way, it shall restore the same to its good order and condition as the same was in when such digging commenced. And the city of Newton shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the city of Boston of and from all damages which may be sustained by it by reason of any defect or want of repair in any street or way, caused by the construction, maintenance, or repair, of said drain or sewer.

May construct  
sewer under  
railroad.

SECT. 6. The city of Newton may, within its corporate limits, construct any main drain or common sewer under any railroad, and maintain and repair the same; and it shall be liable to the corporation owning such road for all damages thereby sustained by it, to be recovered in an action of tort.

Provisions of  
law to apply.

SECT. 7. The provisions of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh, sections of chapter forty-eight of the general statutes, and all other general laws, shall apply to said main drain or common sewer, so far as applicable; but no assessment shall be laid on any property outside the limits of said Newton.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Newton.

April 20, 1877.

## 1877. — CHAPTER 217.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ABATE A NUISANCE EXISTING THEREIN, AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN SAID CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may take  
land to abate a  
nuisance.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may purchase, or otherwise take, for the purpose of abating the nuisance now existing in and about the Roxbury Canal, so called, the land and easements, with the buildings and other fixtures thereon, situate and lying within the district hereinafter bounded and described, to wit: — commencing at the junction of Harrison avenue and the northerly line of East Chester park, and thence running by said northerly line of East Chester park produced in an easterly direction across the said Roxbury Canal to Swett street, thence by the northerly line of Swett street to Northampton street, thence by the northerly line of Northampton street to Harrison avenue, and thence by the easterly line of Harrison avenue to the point of beginning. Said city shall, within sixty days from the time it shall take said lands or easements, file in the office of the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk, a description of the lands or easements so taken as certain as is required in a common conveyance of lands, and a statement that the same are taken pursuant to the provisions of this act; which said description and statement shall be signed by the mayor of said city, and the title to all lands and easements so taken shall vest in the city of Boston, and if any party whose land or easement is taken, shall agree with the said city upon the damage done to him by the said taking, the same shall be paid to him by the said city forthwith. And it shall be the duty of the city of Boston forthwith to raise the grade of said territory so purchased or taken, by filling up the same, including that portion of the Roxbury Canal lying within the described district, with good clean earth or gravel, and with reference to a complete drainage thereof, so as to abate the present nuisance, and to preserve the health of the city.

To file in reg-  
istry of deeds a  
description of  
the land taken.

Complainant for  
damages may  
file bill in equity  
in supreme judi-  
cial court.

SECT. 2. Any person entitled to any estate or easement in any part of the lands so taken, may, at any time within one year from the time when the same shall be taken, as well in his own behalf as in

behalf of all other persons having estates in the lands or easements so taken, file a bill in equity in the supreme judicial court in the county of Suffolk, setting forth the taking of the complainant's land or easement by the city of Boston, and whether the complainant claims any and what damages against the city of Boston for said taking, and against said city or any other corporation or persons by reason of any and what wrongful act or omission by their causing a diminution in the value of his land or easement at the time of said taking, and praying an assessment of damages against the city of Boston for said taking, and against such parties for said diminution. And upon the filing of such a bill said court shall cause notice of the pendency of said bill to be given to the parties named therein as defendants, according to the course of courts of equity; and also public notice thereof to all persons in whose behalf such bill shall be filed, to appear and become parties thereto if they shall see fit to do so. Said court shall prescribe how such public notice shall be given, and what length of time shall be allowed for appearing and becoming a party to such suit. Any party failing so to appear and to become a party within the time prescribed by the court, shall be forever barred from recovering any damages on account of such taking. Each person so appearing and becoming a party shall file a written description of the land in which he claims an estate, together with a plan thereof, so as clearly to distinguish the same from all other lands, and shall also declare what estate he claims therein. If he claims that the value of said land or easement at the time of taking the same was lessened by any unlawful act or omission of the city of Boston or any other corporation or person, so that the value of the land or easement in its condition when taken would not be a just compensation for all the estate and rights of the party in, and in reference to, the same, such party shall also state what such injury is, and how and by whom the same had been or is caused, and what right or title of the party is violated.

SECT. 3. Upon the expiration of the time allowed for appearance to the said bill, the said court shall appoint three commissioners, who shall receive such compensation as the said court shall fix, to be paid by the city of Boston.

Commissioners may be appointed, to be paid by the city.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the said commissioners, after due notice, to hear each of the said parties including the said city of Boston, and other parties named as defendants, and to assess and award the value at the time of the taking of each parcel of the said land, and of any easement claimed by any party so appearing, which shall be taken by said city; and the amount in gross, if any, of damages done to such parcel of land, or such easement, by reason of any unlawful act or omission of the city of Boston or any other party defendant, affecting its value at the time of said taking. And the said commissioners shall make, or cause to be made, a survey of the lands of the complainant and other parties to such bill, and of all other lands adjacent, and owned by other parties whose rights may be affected in determining the lines of such complainants' lands; and said commissioners shall determine the boundary lines of all such lands within said district, and report to the court the boundaries established for each owner of such lands, with a plan of the several portions of land within said district, showing the lines established for each owner, which plan, after its approval shall, by order of the court, be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk.

To hear the parties and assess damages.

SECT. 5. Said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall, within three months after said hearing, make report to the said court of their doings, and, when requested by any party, of the evidence touching any exception intended to be taken by him.

To report to court within three months.

Party aggrieved  
may apply for  
jury.

SECT. 6. Any party aggrieved by any findings or doings of said commissioners, may apply for a jury to revise the same, by petition to the supreme judicial court at the same term thereof at which said commissioners shall make their report, and, thereupon, said court shall order a trial by jury to be had at the bar of the court in the same manner in which trials are held in the superior court to assess the damages for land taken for the laying out of highways in the county of Suffolk. And any party aggrieved by any ruling of law made by said commissioners or by said court may except to said ruling and have the exceptions heard and determined by the said court sitting in banc according to its course as a court of equity.

Damages to be  
assessed as in  
taking land for  
highways.

The respective rights and remedies of persons having different or separate interests or estates in the same property, as to the disposition of the damages awarded or agreed to under this act, and the manner of assessing damages for the taking of such property, shall be, in all respects, the same as they now are in the case of property taken for laying out highways.

When amount of  
damage is ascer-  
tained, execu-  
tion to issue.

SECT. 7. When it shall be finally determined what amount of damages any party is entitled to recover against the city of Boston, or any other party defendant, a separate decree shall be entered accordingly, and execution therefor shall be issued without regard to the pendency of the claims of any other party or parties.

Costs, when a  
jury trial is had.

SECT. 8. If any party shall apply for and obtain a trial by jury, he shall recover his legal costs if the award of the commissioners shall be altered in his favor; otherwise he shall be liable for the legal costs of the other party or parties.

Liability of city  
for damages  
caused by  
raising territory.

SECT. 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed as exempting the city of Boston from any obligation, it would otherwise be under, to make compensation to the owners of lands abutting on or near to the territory described in the first section of this act, for any injury it may do to such lands in any acts of raising, filling or draining, said territory or any part thereof.

Court may  
make all neces-  
sary orders and  
decrees.

SECT. 10. Said court may make all orders and decrees necessary to carry into effect the intent of this act, and may, at its discretion, at any stage of the proceedings, order a party to give security for the payment of damages or costs.

Costs to be paid  
as court shall  
order.

SECT. 11. All legal costs which shall accrue in the proceedings under this act, not otherwise provided for, shall be paid as the said court shall order.

City may lay  
railway tracks  
through streets.

SECT. 12. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to lay railway tracks through any street or streets of said city and across tide-water, and to maintain them, so long as it may be necessary, to enable them to transport earth and other materials to fill up the district aforesaid, under the provisions of this act.

Lands to be  
taken within  
two years.

SECT. 13. All lands or easements taken under this act, otherwise than by purchase, shall be taken within two years, and all filling and grading done under this act shall be done within three years, from the passage thereof.

Sewers and  
drains to be dis-  
charged  
elsewhere.

SECT. 14. On and after the completion of the work to be performed under this act, the sewers or drains now discharging into said canal within the limits of that portion thereof authorized to be filled, shall be discharged elsewhere, and shall not thereafter be discharged into any part of said canal.

SECT. 15. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 11, 1877.

1877. — CHAPTER 222.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE OLD SOUTH ASSOCIATION IN BOSTON, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OLD SOUTH MEETING-HOUSE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The governor of the commonwealth, the mayor of the city of Boston, the president of Harvard college, the president of the Massachusetts historical society, the president of the American antiquarian society, and the president of the New England historic-genealogical society, *ex officio*, and William Gaston, John Lowell, Samuel E. Sewall, Edmund Quincy, Samuel A. Green, Henry Lee, Martin Brimmer, and John D. Long, and their associates and successors, are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Old South Association in Boston, for the purpose of acquiring and holding the Old South Meeting-house in Boston and the land under and adjacent to the same, upon the corner of Milk street and Washington street in said city, for public, historical, memorial, educational, charitable, and religious, uses and none other, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in chapter sixty-eight of the general statutes, and acts in addition thereto. Said corporation shall have the power to take and appropriate to the uses of said corporation, said meeting-house and land or any interest therein: *provided*, that in case it shall exercise said power, it shall, within sixty days from the time of said taking and appropriation, file in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk a description of the premises so taken, as certain as is required in a common deed of conveyance of land; and any party aggrieved thereby shall have the right to apply for a jury to assess the damages sustained by him, in the manner and with the effect provided in the seventy-ninth section of chapter forty-three of the general statutes, and upon the payment of all damages so assessed to the parties entitled thereto, or upon the failure to apply for a jury during the time limited by law, the title to said meeting-house and land shall vest in said corporation. And said corporation shall also have power, until the foregoing powers are exercised, to take a lease of said meeting-house and land, or the interest so taken, and hold the same thereunder for the purposes aforesaid.

Corporators.

Name and purpose.

Powers and duties.

To file in registry of deeds a description of the land taken.

SECT. 2. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a board of managers, the number of which shall be fixed by the by-laws, and of which the six first named in this act shall be members *ex officio*, and two shall be elected annually by the city council of the city of Boston, and the rest shall be elected by the members of the corporation; and said managers shall elect one of their number president, and shall also elect a secretary and a treasurer. All officers shall hold over until others are chosen in their stead. New members may be admitted in such manner as the by-laws shall provide.

Board of managers.

Admission of members.

SECT. 3. Said corporation may make contracts with the commonwealth for the use of said meeting-house for the annual election sermon, and with the commonwealth or the city of Boston for its use for any public purposes not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Building may be used for certain purposes.

SECT. 4. Said meeting-house and land shall be exempt from taxation while said meeting-house shall be used for any of the purposes aforesaid, and shall be exempt from any tax for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

To be exempt from taxation.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 11, 1877.



## 1877. — CHAPTER 228.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Street commis-  
sioners may be  
invested with  
powers now  
exercised by  
board of alder-  
men in care of  
streets, etc.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to delegate to and confer upon the board of street commissioners of said city any powers now vested in the board of aldermen, whether in conjunction with the mayor, or otherwise, with reference to the care, maintenance, and repair, of the highways, streets, causeways and bridges in said city, or any powers now vested in or exercised by the board of aldermen of said city, as surveyors of highways therein. It may likewise delegate to said board of street commissioners the powers vested in said board of aldermen, whether in conjunction with the mayor, or otherwise, to regulate, restrict, and control, the acts and doings of all gas-light companies, in sinking, laying, and repairing, their pipes in the streets, lanes, and highways, in said city.

May be charged  
with powers in  
relation to  
sewers.

SECT. 2. The city council of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to delegate to, and confer upon, the board of street commissioners of said city any powers now vested in the board of aldermen, whether in conjunction with the mayor, or otherwise, to lay, make, maintain, and repair, main drains and common sewers within said city, and to assess upon persons by law liable thereto, their proportional part of the charge of laying, making, and repairing, the same, together with all other powers with reference to said main drains and common sewers, now vested in or exercised by said board of aldermen, whether in conjunction with the mayor or otherwise.

City council  
may direct limi-  
tations of powers  
delegated.

SECT. 3. The city council of the city of Boston may direct under what limitations and restrictions the powers, herein authorized to be delegated to, and conferred upon, the board of street commissioners of said city, shall be exercised, may modify said powers from time to time, or may revoke the same or any of them.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

May 15, 1877.

[1870, 337.]

1878. — CHAPTER 41<sup>2</sup>.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF CHELSEA BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Maintenance of  
bridge.

Draw and draw-  
piers.

Liability for  
damages.

SECTION 1. The city of Chelsea shall maintain and repair that portion of Chelsea bridge over Mystic river, lying north-easterly of the north-easterly draw therein; and the city of Boston shall maintain and repair that portion of said bridge lying south-westerly of said draw; and said draw, together with the draw-piers, shall be maintained and repaired equally by said cities.

SECT. 2. Said cities shall be respectively liable for damages resulting from defects in the portion of said bridge which by this act they are severally required to maintain and repair.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 7, 1878.

[1876, 106; 1880, 159.]

<sup>1</sup> This act has not yet been accepted.<sup>2</sup> P.S. c. 22, § 8, substituted. See *post*, p. 320.

1878. — CHAPTER 45.

AN ACT TRANSFERRING TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON THE POWERS NOW VESTED IN THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF SAID CITY, RELATING TO EXPLOSIVE COMPOUNDS AND OTHER DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. All powers and duties conferred by existing statutes upon the engineers or board of engineers of the fire department of the city of Boston, or upon any member of said board, are hereby transferred to the city council of said city; and said powers and duties may be exercised and carried into effect by said city council in such manner as it may from time to time prescribe, and through the agency of any persons, board, or boards, to whom it may from time to time delegate the same.

Powers of engineers of fire department transferred to city council.

R.O. c. 21.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 11, 1878.

[1817, 171; 1850, 262; 1853, 154; P.S. 102, § 54, *et seq.*]

1878. — CHAPTER 75.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELOCATION OF STREETS AND WAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Whenever the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston deem it necessary to locate anew a street or way in said city, either for the purpose of establishing the boundary lines of such street or way, erecting monuments thereon, or of making alterations in the course or width thereof, they may so locate such street or way by giving notice, and proceeding in the manner prescribed by law for laying out streets or ways in said city.

Relocation of streets and ways.

SECT. 2. Any person sustaining damage in his property by the location of a street or way, as provided in the preceding section, shall have his damages assessed and paid in accordance with the provisions of law in respect to laying out, altering, and discontinuing, streets and ways in the city of Boston.

Assessment of damages.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 21, 1878.

[1870, 337.]

1878. — CHAPTER 78

AN ACT CONCERNING SHELL-FISH ON THE SHORES AND FLATS OF THOMPSON'S ISLAND.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Whoever takes any shell-fish from the shores or flats of Thompson's island, in Boston harbor, without the permit of the managers of the Boston asylum and farm school for indigent boys, or the chief of the police of the city of Boston, shall, for every offence, pay a fine of not less than five dollars or more than ten dollars, and costs of prosecution; said fine to be recovered by complaint before the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Shell-fish not to be taken from Thompson's island without permit.

SECT. 2. Any constable or police officer of the city of Boston may, without a warrant, arrest any person whom he finds in the act of taking

Offender may be arrested without a warrant.

shell-fish in violation of the provisions of the preceding section of this act, or in the act of carrying away shell-fish so taken, and detain him in some place of safe-keeping until a warrant can be procured against such person upon a complaint for said offence: *provided*, that such detention shall not exceed twenty-four hours.

March 23, 1878.

## 1878. — CHAPTER 114.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

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| Trustees of the public library incorporated.                 | SECTION 1. The trustees of the public library of the city of Boston, for the time being, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston; and said trustees and their successors in office shall continue a body corporate for the purposes hereinafter set forth, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, in the general laws relating to such corporations.   |
| May hold real and personal estate not exceeding \$1,000,000. | SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have authority to take and hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, which may be given, granted, bequeathed, or devised, to it, and accepted by the trustees, for the benefit of the public library of the city of Boston, or any branch library, or any purpose connected therewith. Money received by it shall be invested by the treasurer of the city of Boston under the direction of the finance committee of said city; and all securities belonging to said corporation shall be placed in the custody of said treasurer: <i>provided, always</i> , that both the principal and income thereof shall be appropriated according to the terms of the donation, devise, or bequest, under the direction of said corporation.  |
| Investments.   |   |
| Proviso.   |   |
| Trustees to be seven in number.                              | SECT. 3. The trustees of the public library shall be seven in number. In the month of April, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and annually thereafter, in the month of January, the city council shall elect, by concurrent vote of the two branches, one member of the board of aldermen, and one member of the common council, to be members of said board of trustees, to hold office during the remainder of the municipal year in which they are elected, and until others are elected in their places. And in the month of April, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, the mayor shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the city council, five citizens of Boston, not members of the city council, to be members of the board of trustees of the public library, one of whom shall hold office for five years, one for four years, one for three years, and one for two years, and one for one year; and, upon such election, and such appointment and confirmation, the terms of office of the trustees of the public library then holding office, shall cease and determine. And annually thereafter, in the month of April in each year, the mayor shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the city council, one citizen at large, as a trustee of the public library, to serve for a term of five years from the first Monday in May in the year in which he shall be appointed. The trustees shall at all times be subject to removal from office for cause, by a vote of two-thirds of each branch of the city council present and voting thereon. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in said board of trustees by death, resignation, or otherwise, said vacancy shall be filled by the election, or appointment, in the manner aforesaid, of another trustee, who shall hold office for |
| Appointment.   |   |
| Removal from office.   |   |

the residue of the unexpired term. No member of said board of trustees shall receive any pecuniary compensation for his services.

SECT. 4. The members of said board shall meet for organization on the first Monday of each May, and choose one of their number as president. They shall have power to make such rules and regulations relating to said public library and its branches, and its officers and servants, and to fix and enforce penalties for the violation of such rules and regulations, as they may deem expedient: *provided*, that the same shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and shall be subject at all times to such limitations, restrictions, and amendments, as the city council may direct.

Organization of board of trustees.

SECT. 5. The said trustees shall have the general care and control of the central public library now located in Boylston street in said city, and of all branches thereof, which have been, or which may hereafter be, established, together with the buildings and rooms containing the same, and the fixtures and furniture connected therewith, and also of the expenditures of the moneys appropriated therefor.

Trustees to have care and control of the central library and its branches.

SECT. 6. The said board of trustees may appoint a superintendent or librarian with such assistants and subordinate officers as they may think necessary or expedient, and may remove the same, and fix their compensation: *provided*, that the amount thus paid shall not exceed the sum appropriated by the city council for that item of expense, and the income of any moneys which may lawfully be appropriated for the same purpose from funds or property held by said trustees under the provisions of this act.

May appoint librarian and assistants, and fix their compensation. *Proviso.*

SECT. 7. The city council shall have power to pass such ordinances not inconsistent herewith, or repugnant to other laws of the commonwealth, as to the duties and authority of said board, as they may from time to time deem expedient.

City council may pass ordinances as to duties of board.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 4, 1878.

[1853, 38; 1873, 286; 1880, 222; 1882, 143; 1883, 141.]

## 1878. — CHAPTER 129.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE INDEXES IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The powers and duties of the aldermen of Boston under sections one hundred and three and one hundred and four of chapter seventeen of the general statutes, shall hereafter be exercised by a board of index commissioners, who shall serve without pay. The justices of the superior court, or a majority thereof, shall appoint, within one month from the time of the passage of this act, three such commissioners to hold office for the terms of one, two, and three, years respectively, beginning with the first day of April of the current year, and shall appoint annually thereafter, during the month of March, one such commissioner, to hold office for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of April following. In the performance of their duties said board shall not expend an amount in excess of the sum authorized by the board of aldermen of Boston. Any of said board of commissioners may be removed by the justices aforesaid, for good cause shown, as provided for the removal of a register of deeds, by section eighty-eight of said chapter; and in case of a vacancy in said board by reason of death, resignation, or removal, it shall be filled by appointment by the justices aforesaid for the unexpired term.

Index commissioners to be appointed by justices of superior court.

Repealed by P.S. For reenactment, see *post*, p. 321.

Not to expend in excess of sum authorized. Removal from office.

Vacancies may be filled.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 9, 1878.

## 1878. — CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN FUNDS IN THE  
TREASURY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.*Be it enacted, etc.:*May pay fees  
and charges for  
collection of  
certain taxes.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is authorized to pay to the persons authorized to collect taxes, betterments, rates, and assessments, in said city, prior to the first day of September, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, such amount of the fees, charges, and commissions thereon, allowed by law, as had accrued, or were earned but were unpaid, prior to said first day of September, and have since actually been paid into the treasury of said city, between said date and the date of the passage of this act.

Repeal.

SECT. 2. So much of chapter one hundred seventy-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred seventy-five as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 23, 1878.

[1875, 176.]

## 1878. — CHAPTER 192.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REBUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT OF STABLES  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.*Be it enacted, etc.:*Stables may be  
rebuilt.

SECTION 1. Any stable now, or hereafter, legally existing in the city of Boston may, with the consent of the mayor and aldermen of said city, be rebuilt, enlarged, and improved, in accordance with the provisions of chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and the several acts in amendment thereof, regulating the construction of buildings in said city.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 26, 1878.

[1810, 124; 1869, 869.]

## 1878. — CHAPTER 243.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON.*Be it enacted, etc.:*Voting precincts  
to be established.  
1879, 163.

SECTION 1. On or before the first day of September in the current year, each ward of the city of Boston shall be divided by the board of assessors of taxes in said city, into voting precincts, each consisting of compact and contiguous territory within said ward, and containing as nearly as may be five hundred registered voters. The registration in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven shall be taken as the basis of such division. Said precincts shall be designated by numbers or by letters of the alphabet. In the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, as soon as practicable after the division of the city into new wards as now provided by law, and every fifth year thereafter, the said wards shall be divided by said board of assessors into voting precincts on the basis of the registration of voters in the preceding year.

Precincts to be  
designated by  
numbers or  
letters.Warden and  
clerk to be

SECT. 2. In each voting precinct, there shall be the following

election officers : that is to say, at the annual city election, except in the current year, one person shall be chosen in each precinct as warden, and one person as clerk; and the mayor, at some time before the first day of October in each year, except the current year, shall, with the approval of the board of aldermen, appoint, for each voting precinct, two inspectors, qualified voters in the ward of which such precinct forms a part, who shall be men of good repute and standing, and from different political parties. Each of these officers shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties, and shall hold office for one year from the said first day of October. In case of any vacancy in the office of inspector, or in case either of said inspectors shall decline to act in that capacity before the first day of November in any year, the mayor may, with the approval of the board of aldermen, make an appointment of some person of good repute and standing to fill said office; and in making such appointment it shall be his duty to select some person of the same political party with the original incumbent of said office; and every person so appointed shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties. In case of a vacancy in the office of warden, clerk, or inspector of a precinct, on the day of any election, such vacancy shall be filled, *pro tempore*, by the voters of said precinct by nomination and hand vote. The wardens, clerks, and inspectors, appointed or elected as herein provided, shall have the same purposes, and, except as hereinafter provided, be subject to the same duties and liabilities, as the wardens, clerks, and inspectors, now holding office in said city.

lected in each precinct. 1881, 291.

Two inspectors to be appointed.

Vacancies.

Warden, clerk, and inspectors, to be appointed to act at next annual state election.

Terms of office upon a new division of wards

Warrants for election. R.O. c. 10.

Precinct officers to make returns to city clerk.

Polling-places to be designated by aldermen.

SECT. 3. The terms of office of all ward officers heretofore chosen shall expire on the day before the next annual state election; and the mayor and aldermen shall, previous to that date, appoint from the legal voters in each ward, one warden, one clerk, and two inspectors, for each precinct within said ward, who shall officiate in their several capacities on the day of said state election. The inspectors so appointed shall be selected from different political parties, and shall hold office until the first day of October of the following year; and the wardens and clerks so appointed shall hold office only during the state election of the current year. At said state election there shall be chosen a warden and clerk in each precinct, who shall hold office until their successors are chosen as provided in the foregoing section. And, in every year in which a new division of the wards into voting precincts is made, as hereinbefore provided, the terms of office of the election officers then holding office shall expire before the next annual state election, and the same proceedings shall be had in the appointment and election of officers for the new precincts as are herein provided for the precincts established in the current year.

SECT. 4. The board of aldermen shall, at least ten days before any election, issue their warrants for the legal voters of each or any ward, as may be required, to assemble at the several polling-places within said ward, at the time and for the purpose stated in said warrants; and it shall be the duty of the officers of each precinct to receive, sort, and count, the ballots cast at such election, and to make returns in the manner provided by law, to the city clerk, of the results of such election, and of the number of votes cast for each officer, except the warden and clerk of said precinct. When an election is held in any precinct for a warden or clerk of said precinct, it shall be the duty of the officers presiding at such election, to send a certificate of election to the person chosen to either of said offices.

SECT. 5. The board of aldermen shall, thirty days at least before the day of each election, designate and appoint the polling-place in each of the voting precincts in the city, and procure the same for such purpose, and cause it to be fitted up and prepared therefor.

No building to be used in which intoxicating liquors are sold.

Such place shall be in the most public, orderly, and convenient, portion of the district; and no building or part of a building shall be so designated or used in which, or in any part of which, intoxicating liquor is sold or has been sold within thirty days next preceding the day of election.

List of voters to be posted in each voting precinct. 1880, 225.

SECT. 6. [The assessors of taxes in the city of Boston shall, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year, except in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, make, print, and post, in at least one public place within each voting precinct, street lists arranged by voting precincts<sup>1</sup>] so as to show under the number of the house, or if there is no number, then under such other definite description of the location of the dwelling-place as will enable it to be readily ascertained, the names of all persons resident in each dwelling, and assessed for poll taxes; and shall also send such number of copies thereof as may be required, to the registrars of voters.

Application for assessment may be made not later than the first day of September.

SECT. 7. Any person not assessed for a poll tax, who is entitled to be so assessed, may, not later than the first day of September in each year, apply to the board of assessors to be assessed; and said board shall hold before that date not less than ten evening sessions for the performance of the duties imposed on them by this section.

Collector to designate times and places in each ward or precinct for payment of taxes.

[SECT. 8.<sup>2</sup> The collector shall fix convenient times and places in each ward or precinct, extending to not later than the fifteenth day of October in each year, for the payment of taxes to himself or a deputy collector, and of the times so appointed not less than six shall be in the evening; and he shall give public notice thereof by advertisements in at least two daily newspapers printed in Boston, one of which shall be an evening paper, and also by a circular or card addressed to each person assessed for a poll tax only, and delivered through the mail or otherwise. Said circulars or cards shall be delivered on or before the second day of September in each year, and the sessions to be held by said collector under the provisions of this act shall begin as soon after the second day in September of each year as may be necessary. No tax bills for poll taxes only, shall hereafter be distributed to or for the persons assessed before payment thereof.]

Persons assessed for poll tax only, to be notified by circular.

Changes and corrections of assessed names.

[SECT. 9.<sup>3</sup> All changes or corrections of assessed names shall be made by the board of assessors, on a form or certificate specially prepared for the purpose; on presentation of which to the collector of taxes, he shall make the corresponding change or correction on the list of assessed polls committed to him by the assessors of taxes, and also on the tax bill, before it is receipted or delivered, and shall affix thereto his official stamp, which shall be the only authority recognized by the registrars of voters in adopting said changes or corrections for the purposes of registration.]

Certificate of payment in case of loss of tax receipt.

SECT. 10. If any person assessed for a poll tax only, shall have lost his receipt therefor, he may make application to the board of assessors for proof of assessment, who, if satisfied that he is the person he claims to be, and that his tax bill has been lost or destroyed, shall furnish him with a statement giving his name, residence, ward, and page of assessment; which statement shall be presented by the applicant to the collector of taxes, who shall issue to him a certificate, different in color, size, and appearance, from the original tax bill, setting forth that said tax has been paid.

<sup>1</sup> By St. 1880, c. 225, the words in brackets in section six are stricken out and the following substituted: — "The assessors of taxes of the city of Boston shall, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year, cause street lists of the several voting precincts in said city to be printed and compiled in pamphlet form for public distribution. Said compilation shall be by precincts, separately, not exceeding fifty copies for each, arranged."

<sup>2</sup> Section eight has been stricken out by St. 1880, c. 225, § 1.

<sup>3</sup> Substitute St. 1880, c. 225, § 1.

SECT. 11. After the ward ' lists of qualified voters are printed and posted as now required by law, no names shall be added thereto, unless the applicant for registration appears in person before the registrars or assistant registrars.

No name to be added to posted list except upon personal application of voter. 1880, 225, § 1.

SECT. 12. The city registrar shall, on the first day of every month, and also two days before every election, send to the registrars of voters a list, by wards, of male persons over twenty-one years of age deceased within the preceding month, or since the last time of sending such list; and the names of such persons found upon the voting lists shall be erased therefrom.

Names of persons deceased to be erased.

SECT. 13. If the name of a qualified voter shall be erroneously erased from the published voting list, he may apply to the registrars of voters at any time before the closing of the polls, for its restoration; and if he shall prove that his claim be valid, his name shall be restored to the voting list; and he shall be given a certificate thereof, if such restoration is made on the day of election; on presentation of which to the officers of the precinct in which he was entitled to be registered, he shall be allowed to vote therein; and the certificate shall be returned and preserved in like manner with the ballots cast in said precinct.

Name erroneously erased may be restored

SECT. 14. On complaint in writing, under oath, made by any voter of the city, at least seven days prior to an election, setting forth that he has reason to believe, and does believe, that any one whose name is on the voting list has not the legal qualifications of a voter, and setting forth the nature of the alleged disqualification, it shall be the duty of the registrars, if they shall be satisfied that there is reasonable ground for such complaint, to summon such person to appear before them at a time and place named, and to examine him under oath in regard to the matter set forth in the complaint; and, if satisfied that he is not a qualified voter, his name shall be stricken from the list.

Name may be stricken from list when complaint is made under oath and after examination.

[SECT. 15.\* If the registrars are not satisfied as to the identity or qualifications of an applicant for registration, they may make such examination of said applicant, under oath, as they may consider necessary or proper, to verify the fact that he is possessed of the constitutional requirements of a voter; and said registrars as soon after the second day of September in each year as may be necessary, shall hold evening sessions in or near each ward for the performance of any and all the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this act: *provided, however*, that they shall hold not less than ten evening sessions prior to the annual state or municipal election.]

Proof of identity on qualifications of applicant for registration.

SECT. 16. The registration of voters shall cease at ten o'clock in the evening of the fourteenth day preceding the day of any election; and no name shall thereafter be entered on the voting lists, except as provided in section ten, chapter three hundred and seventy-six, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, or to restore a name erroneously stricken off as herein before provided.

Registration to cease at ten o'clock P.M. of the fourteenth day preceding any election. 1851, 221.

SECT. 17. If any person who will become twenty-one years of age before the election next ensuing shall make application to the registrars for registration in order to entitle him to vote at such election, he shall be admitted to registration, provided the registrars shall be satisfied that he will be of age before such election, and that he has the other constitutional qualifications of a voter, and is the identical person he professes to be.

Person becoming of age before next election may be admitted to registration.

SECT. 18. One ballot-box only shall be used in each voting precinct; and before voting begins the ballot-box shall be shown to be empty; and it shall not be removed from the public view from the time when it is so shown to be empty until after the close of the polls.

Ballot-box to be shown to be empty and not to be taken from public view while polls are open. 1881, 291.

\* St. 1880, c. 225, inserts after the word "ward" the words "or precinct."

\* Substitute 1880, 225.



Name and residence of voter to be announced.

Ballots and lists to be sealed up. 1881, 291.

Applications, etc., to be preserved for two years.

Person taking false oath to be deemed guilty of perjury.

Person inducing false oath to be taken, deemed guilty of subornation of perjury.

Penalty for violation of act by officers.

Not to affect elections previous to next state election.

SECT. 19. Every person offering to vote shall give his name and residence, and the same shall be announced in a loud and distinct tone of voice by one of the inspectors; and no ballot shall be received until the name shall have been found upon the list and properly checked. After the canvass has been completed by the election officers, the ballots and voting lists shall be sealed up, transmitted to the city clerk, and preserved in the manner now provided by law.

SECT. 20. All applications, certificates, or affidavits, taken by the board of assessors or registrars of voters, under this act, shall be preserved for two years.

SECT. 21. Any person who shall wilfully and corruptly take any false oath or affirmation in making any application, certificate, complaint, or affidavit, or upon any examination provided for in this act, shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

SECT. 22. Any person who shall wilfully and corruptly instigate, advise, induce, or procure, any other person to take any false oath or affirmation in making any application, certificate, complaint, or affidavit, or upon any examination provided for in this act, shall be deemed guilty of subornation of perjury.

SECT. 23. Any registrar, assistant registrar, assessor, assistant assessor, collector, assistant collector, warden, clerk, or inspector of elections, who shall wilfully violate any provision of this act, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECT. 24. This act shall take effect upon its passage; but any election which may be held previous to the next state election shall be conducted according to the provisions of the laws heretofore regulating the same.

May 11, 1878.

[1874, 60; 1879, 163; 1880, 225; 1881, 221.]

## 1878. — CHAPTER 244.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

R.O. c. 24.  
Police commissioners to be appointed.  
Terms of office.

Removal from office.

Powers of commissioners. 1854, 448.  
1879, 38, 69.

1881, 136.  
1882, 267.  
P.S. 102, §§ 2, 27.  
28, 32, 111, 124.  
R.O. c. 24, § 3,  
as amended by  
ordinances of  
1893, c. 1.

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of Boston may appoint, subject to the approval of the city council, three able and discreet persons, to constitute a board of police commissioners in said city. The terms of office of said commissioners shall be so arranged at the time of their appointment that the term of one shall expire on the first Monday in May in each year after the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight; and the vacancy so created, as well as all vacancies occurring otherwise, shall be filled by the mayor, with the approval of the city council. Any member of said board may be removed at any time by the mayor, for cause; or he may be removed by vote of two-thirds of the whole of each branch of the city council by vote taken by yeas and nays.

SECT. 2. All the powers vested by the statutes of the commonwealth in the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, in relation to the administration of police, and the appointment of watchmen and policemen in said city, and all the powers and duties conferred upon the board of license commissioners, appointed under the provisions of section twenty, chapter ninety-nine, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, shall be, and hereby are, vested in the said board of police commissioners; and said board may also be empowered by the city council to exercise all or any of the powers conferred by the statutes of the commonwealth upon the board of aldermen,

the city council, or the city of Boston, in relation to licensing, regulating, and restraining, theatrical exhibitions, public shows, and public amusements, billiard tables, bowling alleys, innholders and victualers, auctioneers, hawkers and peddlers, carriages, wagons and other vehicles, intelligence offices, itinerant musicians, pawnbrokers, and dealers in second-hand articles and old junk.

SECT. 3. The said board of police commissioners shall appoint a superintendent of police, a deputy superintendent of police, and such number of captains, inspectors, sergeants, patrolmen, clerks, and other officers, as the city council may from time to time by ordinance prescribe: *provided, however*, that the appointment of the superintendent of police, the deputy superintendent of police, and the captains of police, shall be subject to approval by the mayor of the city. Any of said officers, or members of the department, may be removed by the board for cause. The compensation of the commissioners and the officers of each grade shall be fixed from time to time by ordinances of the city council.

Commissioners to appoint policemen.

Superintendent, deputy, and captains, appointed subject to approval of mayor.  
P.S. 28, § 27.

SECT. 4. The government and discipline of the police department shall be such as the said board of police commissioners may from time to time, by rules and regulations, prescribe. The superintendent of police, appointed as hereinbefore provided, shall have and exercise all the powers and duties which, by the laws now in force, are held and exercised by the chief of police of the city of Boston; and the other officers and patrol policemen, appointed as hereinbefore provided, shall have and exercise all the powers and duties which, by the laws now in force, are held and exercised by the watch of the city of Boston or by the police of said city.

Rules and regulations.

Powers and duties of officers.

SECT. 5. The said board of police commissioners may, by the affirmative vote of all the members, and with the approval of the mayor, retire from office in said police department, any captain, inspector, sergeant, or patrolman, who has become disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than fifteen consecutive years, and place the officer so retired upon a pension roll, and allow him an amount not exceeding one-third the annual salary or compensation of the office from which he is so retired. But no such officer shall be placed on the pension roll unless it shall be certified to the board in writing, by the city physician, that the officer is permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, from performing his duty as a member of the department, nor unless due notice is given to the officer of the intention to place him on the retired list. And said commissioners may, with the approval of the mayor, expend such sums as may be specially appropriated therefor by the city council for the relief of widows of police officers who have been killed in the execution of their duty or have died from the effects of injuries received in the execution of their duty. For the payment of the pensions herein authorized, the commissioners may draw from time to time upon the trustees of the fund for the relief of disabled police-officers, established by an ordinance of the city council the seventeenth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and seventy; and may also apply, if necessary, in addition to the income from said fund, any sums which may be specially appropriated therefor by the city council.

Disabled police-officers and men may be retired with pensions.  
1879, § 7.  
1883, 14.

Relief of widows of police-officers.

SECT. 6. The appointment of railroad police in the city of Boston, as authorized under the provisions of chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be made by the said police commissioners; and the said commissioners may, if they deem it expedient, upon the written application of any responsible corporation or person, appoint for a term not exceeding one year, suitable persons to be special police officers, to

Railroad police.

Special police.

**Bond required.**

serve without pay from the city, under such rules and regulations as the commissioners deem expedient, with the power of police-officers to preserve order and to enforce the laws and the ordinances of the city, in and about any place of amusement, place of public worship, wharf, manufactory, or other locality, specified in the application: *provided*, that such corporations or persons shall give bond to the city treasurer, satisfactory to the city solicitor, to be liable to parties aggrieved by any official misconduct of such police-officer to the same extent as for the torts of agents and servants in their employment; and proceedings may be had upon said bonds in the same manner as upon the bonds of constables. A record of such appointments shall be kept in the office of the commissioners; and any appointments so made may be revoked by the said commissioners at any time.

**Commissioners may appoint special patrolmen without pay.**

SECT. 7. The said board of police commissioners may, upon an emergency or apprehension of riot, tumult, mob, insurrection, pestilence, or invasion, appoint as many special patrolmen, without pay, from among the citizens, as they may deem desirable. During the service of any special patrolman authorized as aforesaid, he shall possess all the powers and privileges, and perform all the duties, that may be by orders, rules, and regulations, from time to time prescribed.

**Mayor may assume command of police force.**

SECT. 8. The mayor of the city of Boston shall have power at all times, in any emergency, of which he shall be the judge, to assume command of the whole or any part of the police force in said city.

**City council may pass ordinances as to duties and authority of the board.**

SECT. 9. The city council of Boston shall have power to pass such ordinances, not inconsistent herewith or repugnant to other laws of this commonwealth as to the duties and authority of said board of police commissioners, as it may from time to time deem expedient and necessary.

**Members of force to continue in office.**

SECT. 10. The members of the Boston police force, in office when the said police commissioners are first appointed, shall continue to hold their several offices until removed or placed on the retired list by the said commissioners; and the present rules and regulations of the board of aldermen for the government of the police, shall continue in force until otherwise ordered by the said commissioners.

SECT. 11. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 14, 1878.

[1854, 448; 1879, 38, 59, 97; 1882, 267; 1883, 14.]

## 1879. — CHAPTER 38.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE LICENSES OF INNHOLDERS AND COMMON VICTUALLERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

**Innholders, etc., to be licensed by police commissioners.**  
101 Mass. 214.

SECTION 1. All provisions of law applying to the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston relative to the licensing of innholders and common victuallers, shall hereafter apply to the board of police commissioners in said city, instead of said mayor and aldermen; but no innholder's or common victualler's license issued by said board shall be valid unless signed by a majority of the members thereof.

**Licenses to expire on the first day of May.**

SECT. 2. All licenses hereafter issued to innholders and common victuallers in said city, shall expire on the first day of May next after they take effect. Such licenses, for one year, may be granted during the month of April, to take effect on the first day of May next following, and such licenses may be granted at any time for the remainder of the year. The licenses already granted to innholders and common

victuallers in said city, to expire on the first day of April next, shall, unless sooner revoked for cause, continue in force until the first day of May next.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 18, 1879.

[1878, 244; P.S. 102.]

## 1879. — CHAPTER 59.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING CONDUCTORS, DRIVERS, AND DESPATCHERS OF STREET RAILWAY CARS, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of police commissioners of the city of Boston shall, upon the recommendation of the president, superintendent, or board of directors, of any street railway corporation using the streets of said city, issue licenses from time to time to the conductors and drivers of the street cars of the said several street railway corporations, and also to the persons employed to start or despatch the cars of said corporations from the stables, stations, depots, and other places, within said city; and said board of police commissioners may revoke any such license at any time for sufficient cause. Such licenses shall continue and remain in force until surrendered by the licensee or until revoked by said board of police commissioners, and shall contain such provisions and conditions as said board shall determine: *provided, however*, that the fee to be paid for each license shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five cents.

Conductors and drivers of street cars to be licensed by police commissioners.

License may be revoked for cause. Amended by 1880, 99

SECT. 2. A record of the issue, surrender, and revocation, of such licenses, shall be kept at the office of said board of police commissioners, and shall be open at all times to the inspection of the presidents and superintendents of the several street railways using the streets in said city; and whenever any such license is revoked by the board of police commissioners, notice thereof shall be transmitted to the presidents or superintendents of said street railways and to the licensee.

Record of licenses to be open to inspection of presidents, etc., of roads.

SECT. 3. Said board of police commissioners shall require the members of their department to observe and direct the persons licensed under this act, and to cause them to conform to the laws of the commonwealth, the ordinances of the city of Boston, the regulations of the board of aldermen of said city, and the rules of said board of police commissioners relating to the use of the tracks, the speed of the horses, and especially to the obstructions of public travel, by the management of the street cars; said police-officers shall secure the necessary testimony, and shall report to the board of police commissioners every instance of the wilful or persistent violation by any licensee of any such law, ordinance, regulation, or rule, or any refusal to obey the request of said officers respecting the management of any street car.

Police commissioners to enforce all laws, etc., relating to use of tracks, etc.

Police officers to secure testimony and report violations of law.

SECT. 4. Any person who shall drive any horses attached to any street car in any street in the city of Boston, except at the stables of said corporations, or shall act in the capacity of conductor, starter, or despatcher, at any place within the limits of said city, without being licensed therefor, as herein provided, or who shall act in such capacity in violation of the provisions or conditions, or after the revocation of such license, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

Penalty for acting as driver, etc., without a license.

SECT. 5. No person whose license shall have been revoked pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall be reinstated, or receive a

Not to receive new license within twelve

months of re-  
vocation.  
Amended by  
1880, 99.

new license as conductor, driver, starter, or despatcher, on any street railway in the city of Boston, within a period of twelve months from the date of the revocation of his license.

February 26, 1879.

[1880, 99.]

## 1879. — CHAPTER 97.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO PENSIONS TO DISABLED POLICE-OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Pensions to  
disabled  
policemen.

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter two hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight shall be construed to apply to the police-officers therein named who have become connected with the police department of the city of Boston by the annexation of any other city or town to said city of Boston; and the service of such officer in any such city or town before annexation, shall be reckoned in making up the number of years' service required under said section; and any such officer who has been discharged from said department since said section went into effect shall be entitled to the benefits of said section from the date of such discharge.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 10, 1879.

[1878, 244.]

## 1879. — CHAPTER 98.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE INTO THE ROXBURY CANAL.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may divert  
sewage now dis-  
charged into  
Roxbury canal.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to divert, by temporary structures, the sewage now discharged into the Roxbury canal west of the easterly line of East Chester park, so that it shall discharge into said canal east of said easterly line; and said diversion may continue until the system of improved sewerage now being constructed in said city shall be in practical operation, but no longer.

May construct  
and maintain a  
storm overflow.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a storm overflow from said system of improved sewerage, the said storm overflow to empty into said Roxbury canal east of the easterly line of East Chester park.

Canal to be  
dredged by city  
whenever  
ordered by  
state board of  
health.

SECT. 3. Whenever in the opinion of twenty or more property tax payers of the city of Boston, resident within the ward or wards in which that portion of Roxbury canal east of Chester park lies, that part of the canal used as a storm overflow canal or basin shall require cleansing or dredging they shall, state the fact in writing to the state board of health, who shall, within thirty days after receipt of such notice, inspect said canal or basin, and if, in their judgment, it shall require cleansing or dredging, they shall direct the city of Boston so to cleanse or dredge within thirty days after receipt of such notice, and when so directed the city of Boston shall, within the time specified, cleanse or dredge such basin or channel in a manner satisfactory to the state board of health, who shall, upon the completion of the work, indorse upon the order directing the same to be done, its approval thereof, with the date of said indorsement.

Expense of  
dredging to be  
assessed upon  
abutters.

SECT. 4. Upon the completion of said cleansing or dredging by the city of Boston, and the receipt of the approval of the state board

of health thereon, the city of Boston may submit to the state board of health sworn itemized statements of the costs thereof, with vouchers therefor, of which sum the board of health shall then proceed to assess such portion or portions as they shall deem just and equitable upon the wharves and lands adjoining or abutting upon said canal or basin; but they shall have power to make assessments upon the several wharves and lands only for the expense of removing deposits caused by the owners or occupants thereof respectively.

SECT. 5. All assessments made under this act shall constitute a lien upon the wharves and lands so assessed, for one year after the assessment is made, and as provided in section four of this act, and may be enforced in the same manner, with like charges for cost and interest as provided by law for the collection of taxes; and all said assessments which shall remain unpaid after the same become due or payable, shall draw interest from the time the same become due or payable until the time of payment thereof.

Assessments to be a lien upon wharves and lands assessed.

SECT. 6. Any assessment made under this act, which is invalid by reason of any error or irregularity in the making thereof, and which has not been paid, or which has been recovered back, may be made by said state board of health to the amount for which the original assessment ought to have been made, and the same, if made upon a wharf or land, shall be a lien upon such wharf or land, and be collected in the same manner as reassessed taxes are.

Assessment invalid by error in making may be made anew

SECT. 7. Any person aggrieved by an assessment made under this act may apply by petition to the superior court for the county of Suffolk, at any term thereof within one year after said assessment is made; and, after due notice to the city of Boston, a trial shall be had at the bar of the court, in the same manner in which other civil causes are there tried by jury.

Person aggrieved may apply to superior court within one year.

SECT. 8. If the jury shall not reduce the amount of the assessment complained of, the city of Boston, as respondent, shall recover costs against the petitioner, which costs shall be a lien upon said wharves and land, and be collected in the same manner as the assessment; but, if the jury shall reduce the amount of said assessment, the petitioner shall recover costs from said city of Boston, and all assessment shall be a lien upon said wharves and lands, for one year after the final judgment, in any suit or proceeding where the amount or validity of the same is in question, and be collected in the same manner as original assessments.

Costs.

Assessments to be a lien for one year after final judgment.

SECT. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 10, 1879.

## 1879. — CHAPTER 163.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT IN RELATION TO REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. On or before the first day of May, in the current year, the board of assessors of taxes in the city of Boston shall divide the wards numbered twenty-three, twenty-four, and twenty-five, of said city, into the same number of voting precincts to which said wards were entitled, under chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight; said division to have reference to convenience of neighborhoods, and to remain in force until the new division of wards shall take effect as provided in said chapter two hundred and forty-three.

Voting precincts in wards twenty-three, twenty-four, and twenty-five.

Wardens and clerks to hold office until successors are chosen.

Wardens and clerks, in wards divided into new precincts.

Appointment of warden, clerk, and inspectors.

SECT. 2. The wardens and clerks chosen in the several voting precincts of the city of Boston at the last state election shall hold their respective offices until the next annual city election, and until their successors are chosen. In case any ward shall be divided into new voting precincts under the provisions of this act, the wardens and clerks chosen within the limits of such wards at the last state election shall, until others are chosen, act in the voting precinct which shall bear the same numerical designation as that for which they were respectively chosen at said state election. The mayor and aldermen shall, previous to any election during the current year, appoint from the legal voters in each additional voting precinct which may be established, one warden, one clerk and two inspectors. The inspectors so appointed shall be selected from different political parties, and all such officers shall hold office until others are chosen in their place, as now provided by law.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 26, 1879.

[1878, 243; 1880, 225; 1881, 221.]

## 1879. — CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE COMPENSATION OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Compensation of street commissioners.

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter three hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy is hereby amended by striking out the words "three thousand" therein, and inserting instead thereof the words "two thousand."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 9, 1879.

[1870, 337.]

## 1879. — CHAPTER 230.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LAY AND MAINTAIN A MAIN SEWER DISCHARGING AT MOON ISLAND IN BOSTON HARBOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Additional powers for laying main sewer to Moon island.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall have authority, in addition to the powers now possessed by it, for the purpose of laying and maintaining a main sewer running south-easterly from the direction of Charles river, to build and maintain wharves, pumping-works, reservoirs, and other structures, on the main land, at or near the shore of the Calf pasture, so called, in Dorchester bay, thence to conduct said sewer by means of embankments, and of a tunnel or siphon, not less than six thousand five hundred feet long, under the bottom of the harbor to that part of the town of Quincy called Squantum, thence along or across said Squantum, and the flats and waters adjacent thereto, to Moon island; or said city may build the sewer or siphon under the bottom of the harbor on a nearly direct line from said Calf pasture to Moon island. Said city shall have authority to build and maintain a reservoir or reservoirs, a pumping-station, wharves, and dwelling-houses, and such other works as are essential to a proper and convenient discharge of the sewage at Moon island. Said city shall have further authority to connect Moon island with Squantum

City may build reservoirs, etc.

by means of a bridge or embankment to be used as a roadway. In any construction over tide water, said city shall be subject to the direction of the harbor commissioners in the manner pointed out in chapter four hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston shall have authority to take such lands, buildings, wharves, and structures, as may be necessary to accomplish the objects of the preceding section; and all damages to private property, and for lands, buildings, wharves, or structures, taken under this act, shall be ascertained as prescribed in chapter forty-three of the general statutes, and paid by the city of Boston. May take land and buildings.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 16, 1879.*

[1876, 186; 1882, 256.]

### 1879. — CHAPTER 256.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUDITING THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.<sup>1</sup>

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The auditor of accounts of the city of Boston shall be the auditor of the county of Suffolk; and hereafter all bills for county salaries, expenses, and disbursements shall be examined, audited, and allowed, by said auditor prior to the payment thereof. City auditor to be auditor of Suffolk county. 180 Mass. 486.

SECT. 2. There shall be paid to said county auditor, by the county of Suffolk, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars a year, and at the same rate for any part of a year; the same to be in full for all services rendered by him, and for all clerical assistance. Pay for services.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. Repeal.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

*April 24, 1879.*

### 1879. — RESOLVES. CHAPTER 22.

RESOLVES IN RELATION TO BACK BAY LANDS AND SEWERAGE.

*Resolved,* That the land commissioners, or their successors in office or authority, may sell and convey to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company the land on the corner of Boylston and Exeter streets, adjoining land now owned by said company, together with the passage-way on the southerly line of the aforesaid land of the commonwealth, on such terms and conditions as the governor and council may approve. Commissioners may sell land to Boston and Albany Railroad Company.

*Resolved,* That the land commissioners, or their successors in office or authority, may convey to the city of Boston so many of the passage-way sewers, belonging to the commonwealth, on the Back Bay territory, as may be deemed expedient, on such terms as the governor and council may approve. May convey to Boston passage way sewers.

*March 12, 1879.*

<sup>1</sup>The provisions of this statute are now embodied in P.S. 23, §§ 34, 35.



## 1880. — CHAPTER 38.

## AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW FORBIDDING SMOKING IN THE STREETS OF BOSTON.

Smoking in streets.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Section ten of chapter one hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighteen is hereby amended by striking out the words "or shall smoke, or have in his or her possession, any lighted pipe or cigar, in any street, lane, or passage-way, or on any wharf, in said town."

February 27, 1880.

[1817, 171.]

## 1880. — CHAPTER 67.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO NAMES OF PUBLIC WAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Names of streets and ways not to be duplicated.

1884, 278.

SECTION 1. From and after the date of the passage of this act no name shall be newly assigned to any public way in the city of Boston by which any other public way is already called, whether under the title of street, avenue, court, place, alley, or other descriptive title; but any way not affording continuous passage for teams between two other ways may be termed a court or place, and receive the name of any way with which it communicates. And any extension or continuation of a public way may be called by the same name.

Street commissioners to fix names of streets hereafter laid out.

1884, 278.

SECT. 2. The names of all public ways hereafter laid out by the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston shall be fixed by a vote of said board. Such vote shall take effect upon such laying out, shall be published in such manner as said board shall direct, and shall be certified by the clerk of said board to the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk. The names of all public ways not already fixed, and changes in the names of ways, may be made by the same authority, confirmed by the board of aldermen of said city, and not otherwise. Such changes shall take effect on the first day of March of each year, shall be published in such manner as the board of aldermen shall direct, and shall be certified by the city clerk to the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk.

Repeal of 1868, 199.

SECT. 3. Chapter one hundred and ninety-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight is hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 8, 1880.

[1884, 278.]

## 1880. — CHAPTER 99.

## AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF CONDUCTORS, DRIVERS, AND DISPATCHERS OF HORSE-CARS, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Licensing of conductors, etc., of horse-cars.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter fifty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine is amended in the tenth line,<sup>1</sup> by inserting after the word "may," the words "after due notice and

<sup>1</sup> In the eighth line of this reprint.

a hearing.”<sup>1</sup> Section five of said act is amended by striking out in the fifth line the word “twelve,” and inserting the word “two,” and by adding, at the end of the section, the words “unless by the assent of said commissioners.”

Amendment of 1879, c. 60, §§ 1, 5.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 16, 1880.

[1879, 59.]

## 1880.—CHAPTER 107.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO PENSIONING DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of fire commissioners of the city of Boston, by the affirmative vote of all the members, and with the approval of the mayor, may retire from office in the fire department any permanent or call member thereof who has become disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or any permanent member who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than fifteen consecutive years, and place the member so retired upon a pension roll. No such member shall be placed on the pension roll unless it shall be certified to the board, in writing, by the city physician that such member is permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, from performing his duty as a member of the department. In case of total permanent disability caused in, or induced by, the actual performance of his duty, the amount of annual pension shall be one-half of the annual compensation allowed to the permanent men of the grade in which said member served, or such less sum as the said board may determine. The pension of members of the permanent force who have served fifteen or more consecutive years shall be an amount not exceeding one-third the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired, or such less sum as the board may determine.

Members of fire department may be retired upon pensions.

Pension to be one-half of pay, if disability is total.

Pension of members who have served fifteen years.

SECT. 2. If any member of the said fire department shall die from injuries received while in the discharge of his duties, and shall leave a widow, or, if no widow, any child or children under the age of sixteen years, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars may be paid by way of annuity to such widow so long as she remains unmarried, or to any such child or children so long as he or they continue under the age of sixteen years, and the board of fire commissioners may from time to time order such annuity to be reduced.

If member dies from injuries, annuity to be paid to his widow.

SECT. 3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the foregoing sections, the board of fire commissioners may, with the approval of the mayor, expend such sums as may be specially appropriated therefor by the city council for the relief of widows or children of members of the fire department who have been killed in the execution of their duty, or have died from the effects of injuries received in the execution of their duty. For the payment of the pensions hereinbefore authorized, the board of fire commissioners may draw, from time to time, upon the city treasurer of Boston, any sums which may be specially appropriated therefor by the city council.

Relief of widows and children of firemen who have been killed in line of duty.

SECT. 4. The mayor of the city of Boston, for the time being, and his successors in office, the board of fire commissioners of the city of Boston, for the time being, and their successors in office, shall, together, continue a body corporate for the purposes of receiving and holding all sums of money, and real and personal estate not exceeding in the

Mayor and fire commissioners to be a body corporate for purposes of holding funds. 1881, 22.

<sup>1</sup> In the fourth line of this reprint.

To be known as  
the Boston  
Firemen's Relief  
Fund.

Powers and  
duties.

aggregate two hundred thousand dollars which may be given, granted, bequeathed, or devised, to it for the benefit of members of the Boston fire department or their families requiring assistance, or for the benefit of any persons or the families of any persons who have been such members requiring assistance. The property so held shall be known as the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund. The said body corporate shall have authority to manage and dispose of the same, and the income thereof, according to their best discretion, subject to the provisions of any and all trusts which may be created for the purposes aforesaid. Said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, set forth in all general laws which are now, or may hereafter be, in force relating to similar corporations.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 17, 1880.

[1850, 262; 1873, 258; 1881, 22.]

## 1880. — CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE OVER CHARLES RIVER, AND TO WIDEN WARREN BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May construct  
highway and  
bridge across  
Charles river.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, if, in the judgment of its city council, the public convenience and necessity require, may lay out, construct, and maintain, a highway and bridge, not to exceed one hundred feet in width, across Charles river, from some point on the northerly side of Causeway street, between Beverly and Prince streets, to some point on the southerly side of Water street, between Warren avenue and the easterly side of Charles river avenue.

May reconstruct  
and widen  
Warren bridge.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston, if, in the judgment of its city council, the public convenience and necessity require, may reconstruct and widen, to a width not exceeding eighty feet, the present Warren bridge, and may construct fender guards, make changes in the draw and draw piers, and do such other acts as they may deem necessary, expedient, or convenient, in the premises, to secure a bridge and road which shall safely and conveniently accommodate public travel and navigation.

May take lands,  
wharves, etc.

SECT. 3. To secure and accomplish the objects and purposes of the preceding sections, the city of Boston may take such lands, buildings, wharves, and structures, as it may deem necessary; and all damages to private property, for land taken under this act, shall be ascertained as in the case of the laying out of highways in the city of Boston.

Subject to  
general laws.  
P.S. 19, §§ 12, 13.

SECT. 4. In the exercise of the powers granted by this act, the city of Boston shall be subject to the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and all general laws applicable thereto.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 19, 1880.

[1882, 138; 1883, 140; 1884, 327.]

1880. — CHAPTER 126.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE ACTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING  
THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of supplying water to its inhabitants, the city of Boston is hereby authorized, by and through the agency of the Boston water board, to lay and maintain new main pipes from its reservoir constructed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, through the town of Brookline to the city of Boston, in the manner provided in chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six ; and, for this purpose, may take and hold by purchase, or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary therefor ; and lay said pipes over or under any water-course or any streets, turnpike roads, railroads, highways or other ways, in such manner as not to unnecessarily obstruct or impede the travel thereon ; and may enter upon, and dig up, any such roads, streets, or ways, for the purpose of laying down said pipe beneath the surface thereof, and for maintaining and repairing the same ; but always in such manner and with such care as not to render the roads, streets, and ways, unnecessarily unsafe or inconvenient to the public travel thereon. And said city of Boston in performing said work shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as to time, place, and manner, of digging up any streets or ways of public travel for the purposes aforesaid and the laying of said pipes, as shall be made by the selectmen of Brookline, within the limits of said town, for the protection of their rights of drainage and sewerage therein, and the public rights of passage thereon.

May maintain new main pipes through Brookline to Boston.

May enter upon and dig up roads.

Subject to regulations of selectmen of Brookline.

May lay and maintain pipes through Cambridge, Somerville, and Medford.

Streets to be restored.

Proviso.

Liability for damages.

SECT. 2. For the purpose aforesaid, the city of Boston is likewise authorized, through the agency of the Boston water board, to lay and maintain a main pipe from any point on pipes authorized by the foregoing section, through the cities of Cambridge and Somerville and the towns of Brookline and Medford to the Mystic pumping-station, so called, in the city of Somerville, and for this purpose shall have all the powers specified in the foregoing section, and shall be subject to such reasonable regulations of the city council of the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and the selectmen of the towns of Medford and Brookline, within their respective limits, as may, by the foregoing section, be made by the selectmen of the town of Brookline. Said city of Boston shall not displace any public sewer or water pipe without the assent of the said city councils and boards of selectmen, respectively.

SECT. 3. Whenever the city of Boston shall dig up any street or way as aforesaid, it shall restore the same to as good order and condition as the same shall be in when such digging commenced ; and the city of Boston shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and the towns of Medford and Brookline, against all damage which may be recovered against them respectively ; and shall reimburse to them, respectively, all expenses which they shall incur by reason of any defect or want of repair in any street or way, caused by the construction of said aqueduct, or the laying of said pipes, or by the maintaining or repairing of the same : *provided*, that the city of Boston shall have due and reasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury, and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto.

SECT. 4. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property by the taking

of any land or real estate, or the laying of said pipes, as aforesaid; and any person sustaining damage, as aforesaid, may have the same ascertained, determined, collected, and paid, in the manner which is provided in sections six, seven, and eight, of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six.

Hydrants to be established.

SECT. 5. Upon requisition by the respective city councils of the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and the respective boards of selectmen of the towns of Medford and Brookline, prior to the laying of the said aqueduct and pipes through their respective limits, the city of Boston shall insert a number of hydrants in said pipes, at points not less than one thousand feet apart, to be used for extinguishing fires, free of charge, and for no other purpose; and said several cities and towns shall pay to the city of Boston the expense of inserting and keeping in repair such hydrants as shall have been so inserted, upon their requisitions aforesaid, within their respective limits.

May sell water to Cambridge.

SECT. 6. The city of Boston is also authorized, if the Boston water board shall be of opinion that the supply of water is sufficient for the purpose, to sell water to the city of Cambridge, when conducted through the main pipes laid by virtue of the provisions of section two of this act, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the city council of the city of Cambridge and said Boston water board.

Subject to acceptance by city council.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston; but the powers conferred by section one of this act may be exercised without any obligation on the part of said city to exercise the powers conferred by section two.

March 19, 1880.

[1846, 167; 1865, 131; 1881, 129.]

## 1880. — CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF LAND AND THE ERECTION THEREON OF A COURT-HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Aldermen may take land for a court-house.

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston, acting as county commissioners for the county of Suffolk, are hereby authorized and empowered to take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, so much land as they may deem necessary for the erection thereon of a court-house by the city of Boston for the use of the courts of the Commonwealth within and for the county of Suffolk, and other purposes incidental thereto, and for a court-house yard for the same; and they may appropriate and use therefor any land now owned by the city.

To file in registry of deeds a description of land taken.

SECT. 2. The board of aldermen shall, within thirty days from the time when they shall take any parcel or parcels of land under this act, file, in the office of the register of deeds for said county, and cause to be recorded, a description of the land so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which it is taken; which description and statement shall be signed by the mayor of the city; and the city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons by reason of the taking of such land as aforesaid; such damages to be ascertained and determined in the manner provided for ascertaining and determining damages in case of the laying out, altering, or discontinuing, of ways within the city of Boston.

Liability for damages.

If aldermen fail to take land, it may be taken by commissioners

SECT. 3. In case the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall fail, before the first day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty, to exercise the powers granted them in the foregoing sections, such

powers shall thereupon cease and determine. It shall then be lawful for the supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, sitting in the county of Suffolk, either in term time or vacation, upon the petition of any ten citizens of the city of Boston, and after notice to said city, to appoint three discreet men, inhabitants of said city, to be a board of commissioners, who, upon such appointment, and upon being duly sworn to the performance of their duties, shall give public notice of their appointment, shall proceed to consider what site within said city is most suitable for a court-house for the county of Suffolk, and shall take, upon the site found to be most suitable by them, so much land as they may deem necessary for the purpose of a court-house for the use of the courts of the commonwealth within and for the county of Suffolk, and other purposes incidental thereto, and for a court-house yard for the same. The said taking shall set forth the parcel or parcels of land taken, with a description thereof as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, and such taking being duly signed by the said commissioners or a majority thereof, and returned to the supreme judicial court, sitting in said county of Suffolk, and having been confirmed by said court, or any justice thereof, shall thereupon vest the title to said land in the city of Boston, and render the said city liable to pay all damages for the said taking, as fully and completely in all respects as if said land had been taken by the board of aldermen acting as county commissioners by virtue of sections one and two of this act, in the manner and within the time herein provided. It shall thereupon be the duty of the mayor of the city of Boston to file the said description of the lands so taken, with a statement of the purpose for which they have been taken, in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk. Said board of commissioners shall likewise estimate, determine, and assess, all damages sustained by any persons by the taking of land or by other acts of said board in the execution of the powers vested in them by this act, and shall return their award of said damages to the supreme judicial court for the county of Suffolk, with their return of such taking, and the award of said board or the majority of them being returned and accepted by said court, shall be final, and judgment shall be entered and execution issued thereon, unless either the city of Boston, or any of the parties, shall claim a trial by jury as hereinafter provided. The board of commissioners shall be entitled to a reasonable compensation for their services, to be fixed by the court, and paid by the city of Boston, and any vacancy occurring in said board of commissioners may be filled by the said court.

appointed by  
the supreme ju-  
dicial court.

Mayor to file de-  
scription of land  
so taken.

Assessment of  
damages.

SECT. 4. If either the city of Boston or any of the parties claiming to have sustained damages by the taking of land or by other acts of said board of commissioners, shall be dissatisfied with the amount of damages awarded, the city of Boston, or such party, may, at the term at which such award was returned, claim, in writing, a trial in said court, and have a jury to hear and determine, at the bar of said court, all questions of fact relating to such damages, and to assess the amount thereof, in the same manner as is provided by law with respect to damages sustained by reason of the laying out of ways in the city of Boston; and the verdict of such jury being accepted and recorded by the said court, shall be final and conclusive, and judgment shall be rendered and execution issued thereon.

Parties ag-  
grieved may  
claim trial by  
jury.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the city of Boston, acting by its city council, to erect within a reasonable time after any taking authorized by this act, a suitable court-house for the use of the courts of the commonwealth in and for the county of Suffolk, and for other purposes incidental thereto, upon the land so taken.

Court-house to  
be erected with-  
in a reasonable  
time.

SECT. 6. The provisions of law in relation to the assessment of

Betterment laws  
not to apply.

betterments shall not be applicable to any of the takings of land under this act.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 22, 1880.

### 1880. — CHAPTER 134.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE ORDINANCES IN RELATION TO VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS IN SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May regulate by ordinances the size and shape of vehicles and their loads.

2 Cush. 562.

109 Mass. 355.

R.O. c. 26, § 46.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston may make such ordinances in relation to the size and shape of all carriages, wagons, carts, trucks, sleighs, sleds, and other vehicles, and their loads, passing through the streets and public ways of said city, as it may deem necessary for the public safety and convenience, with penalties for the violation thereof, not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 24, 1880.

### 1880. — CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONNECTION OF THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM WITH THE SYSTEM OF PARKS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Park commissioners may take land dedicated to use of the Arnold Arboretum.

May lease portion of land taken to Harvard College.

SECTION 1. In case the board of park commissioners of the city of Boston deem it desirable to take that tract of land in that part of the city of Boston known as West Roxbury, held by the president and fellows of Harvard College, and by them dedicated to the use of the Arnold Arboretum, so called, together with certain adjoining tracts, the property of other parties, deemed by said commissioners convenient and necessary for use in connection therewith, for the purposes and under the powers and limitations set forth in chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and acts in addition thereto and amendment thereof, the city of Boston is hereby authorized to lease such portion of said arboretum, and adjoining tracts so taken, as the said board of park commissioners may deem not necessary for use as park-ways and grounds, to the president and fellows of Harvard College, to be held by them to the same uses and purposes as the arboretum is now held under the trusts created by the wills of Benjamin Bussey and of James Arnold; and for such a term, and upon such mutual restrictions, reservations, covenants, and conditions, as to the use thereof by the public, in connection with the uses of the same under said trusts, and as to the rights, duties, and obligations, of the contracting parties, as may be agreed upon between said commissioners and said president and fellows. The board of park commissioners, on the part of the city of Boston, and the president, on behalf of the president and fellows of Harvard College, are respectively authorized to execute and deliver said lease.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 29, 1880.

[1875, 185.]

## 1880. — CHAPTER 159.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO CHELSEA BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Upon the payment of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars by the city of Chelsea to the city of Boston, it shall thereupon be the duty of the city of Boston to forever maintain and keep in repair the north-easterly draw and draw-piers of Chelsea bridge, and also such portion of the bridge as may be included within the piers when re-located.

Boston to maintain certain parts of Chelsea bridge, upon payment of \$25,000 by Chelsea to Boston.

Upon the payment aforesaid, the city of Boston shall, in addition to its existing liability, under the laws of this Commonwealth, for damages resulting from defects in said bridge, be likewise liable, under said laws, for all such defects in that portion of said bridge whereof by this act it assumes the maintenance and repair.

Liability for defects in bridge.

SECT. 2. For the purpose of reconstructing said Chelsea bridge, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and six of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, the city of Boston shall have, with reference to that portion of said bridge the maintenance and repair of which was newly imposed upon the city of Boston by chapter forty-one of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and that portion to be maintained and kept in repair under the first section of this act, all the powers, with reference to said portions, conferred by said chapter one hundred and six of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, upon the city of Chelsea. The city of Boston is authorized, at its discretion, to construct a temporary carriage-way, in addition to the footway mentioned in section five of chapter one hundred and six of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, with the exemption from liability therein set forth.

Powers of Boston in reconstruction of bridge.

Temporary carriage-way.

SECT. 3. Said city of Boston is further authorized to build a temporary structure upon which the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company may run its cars at its own risk, while said city is rebuilding any portion of said bridge, or said railroad company may build and use said temporary structure itself, subject to the approval of the harbor commissioners: *provided*, that said city shall not be liable to any person or corporation by reason of maintaining said temporary structure, or by reason of any defect therein; and *provided, also*, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit said city from closing said bridge, or any portion thereof, to public travel, whenever it shall become necessary in the construction thereof.

May build temporary structure for Lynn and Boston Railroad.

Proviso.

Proviso.

SECT. 4. Nothing in this act shall permit any obstruction of the main channel of Mystic river by such temporary structures or otherwise.

Channel of Mystic river not to be obstructed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 31, 1880.

[1876, 106; 1878, 41.]

## 1880. — CHAPTER 174.

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE CITY HOSPITAL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The trustees of the city hospital of the city of Boston, for the time being, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The

Trustees of the city hospital incorporated.



Trustees of the City Hospital of the City of Boston ; and said trustees, and their successors in office, shall continue a body corporate for the purposes hereinafter set forth, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, in the general laws relating to such corporations.

May hold real and personal estate not exceeding \$1,000,000.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have authority to take and hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, which may be given, granted, bequeathed, or devised, to it, and accepted by the trustees, for the benefit of the city hospital of the city of Boston or any purpose connected therewith. Money received by it shall be invested by the treasurer of the city of Boston under the direction of the finance committee of said city ; and all securities belonging to said corporation shall be placed in the custody of said treasurer : *provided*, always, that both the principal and income thereof shall be appropriated according to the terms of the donation, devise, or bequest, under the direction of said corporation.

Money to be invested by city treasurer.

Trustees to be seven in number.

SECT. 3. The trustees of the city hospital shall be seven in number. In the month of April in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, and annually, thereafter, in the month of January, the city council shall elect, by concurrent vote of the two branches, one member of the board of aldermen, and one member of the common council, to be members of said board of trustees, to hold office during the remainder of the municipal year in which they are elected, and until others are elected in their places. And in the month of April, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, the mayor shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the city council, five citizens of Boston, not members of the city council, to be members of the board of trustees of the city hospital, one of whom shall hold office for five years, one for four years, one for three years, and one for two years, and one for one year ; and upon such election, and such appointment and confirmation, the terms of office of the trustees of the city hospital then holding office shall cease and determine. And annually, thereafter, in the month of April, in each year, the mayor shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the city council, one citizen at large as a trustee of the city hospital, to serve for a term of five years from the first Monday in May, in the year in which he shall be appointed. The trustees shall at all times be subject to removal from office for cause, by a vote of two-thirds of each branch of the city council present and voting thereon. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in said board of trustees by death, resignation, or otherwise, said vacancy shall be filled by the election or appointment, in the manner aforesaid, of another trustee, who shall hold office for the residue of the unexpired term. No member of said board of trustees shall receive any pecuniary compensation for his services.

Appointment of trustees.

Subject to removal for cause.

Organization of board.

SECT. 4. The members of said board shall meet for organization annually, on the first Monday of May, and choose one of their number as president. They shall have power to make such rules and regulations relating to said city hospital, and its officers and servants, and to fix and enforce penalties for the violation of such rules and regulations, as they may deem expedient : *provided*, that the same shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and shall be subject at all times to such limitations, restrictions, and amendments, as the city council may direct.

Proviso.

Trustees to have general care and control of hospital.

SECT. 5. The said trustees shall, subject to the direction of the city council, by ordinance or otherwise, have the general care and control of the city hospital and of all branches thereof, which have been or which may hereafter be, established, together with the buildings and rooms containing the same, and the fixtures and furniture

connected therewith, and also of the expenditures of the money appropriated therefor.

SECT. 6. The said board of trustees may appoint a superintendent, with such assistants and subordinate officers as they may think necessary or expedient, and may remove the same, and fix their compensation: *provided*, that the amount thus paid shall not exceed the sum appropriated by the city council for that item of expense, and the income of any moneys which may lawfully be appropriated for the same purpose from funds or property held by said trustees under the provisions of this act.

May appoint superintendent and assistants, and fix their compensation. *Proviso.*

SECT. 7. The city council shall have power to pass such ordinances, not inconsistent herewith, or repugnant to other laws of the commonwealth, as to the duties and authority of said board, as they may, from time to time, deem expedient.

City council may regulate by ordinance, the duties and authority of the board.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 7, 1880.*

[1858, 113.]

## 1880. — CHAPTER 222.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby granted perpetual right to hold, occupy, and control, free of rent or charge by the commonwealth, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon a building for the use of the public library of said city, a parcel of land now owned by the commonwealth and situated in that part of said city called the Back Bay, on the southerly corner of Dartmouth and Boylston streets, bounded north-westerly by Boylston street two hundred and sixty-four feet, north-easterly by Dartmouth street one hundred and twenty-five feet, south-easterly by a private passage-way twenty-five feet in width, two hundred and sixty-four feet, and south-westerly by other land of the commonwealth one hundred and twenty-five feet, and containing thirty-three thousand square feet, more or less, together with all the right, title, and interest, of the commonwealth in that part of said passage-way adjoining said parcel, and with such rights as the commonwealth may possess to close the same. The said library building and land shall be under the care and control of the trustees of the public library of the city of Boston, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight. This grant is made, however, subject to the following stipulations, namely: — the city of Boston shall, within three years from the date of the passage of this act, commence the erection of a library building on said parcel of land, and shall, in respect to such erection, be subject to the restrictions heretofore contained in other conveyances by the commonwealth of its land upon Boylston street, and shall, thereafter, appropriately lay out and cultivate such ground around it as may not be occupied by the building itself, and shall, thereafter, keep said grounds and building in a neat and ornamental condition; and that upon the opening of said library all the citizens of the commonwealth shall have the perpetual right of access thereto free of charge, under such reasonable regulations as said trustees may from time to time establish.

City may occupy land for public library building.

Building and land to be under control of the trustees.

Conditions of grant.

All citizens of the State to have access to library.

SECT. 2. In case the city of Boston shall, after due notice given, fail to commence the erection of the library building within three years, or shall use said land, or any portion thereof, for any purpose

Building to be erected within three years. Time extended, 1882, 141.

foreign to the uses for which it is granted, it shall be lawful for the commonwealth, by its proper officers and servants, to take appropriate action in the courts of the commonwealth, to the end that said parcel of land, or portion thereof, may be declared forfeited by the city of Boston, and the title therein be revested in the Commonwealth.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 22, 1880.

[1853, 88; 1879, 114; 1882, 143; 1883, 141.]

## 1880. — CHAPTER 225.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Amendments to  
1878, 243.

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight is amended as follows: —

Lists of pre-  
cincts to be  
printed for dis-  
tribution.

*First*, by striking out all of section six of said act, down to, and including, the word "precincts" in the fifth and sixth lines, substituting in place thereof the following: — "The assessors of taxes of the city of Boston shall, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year, cause street lists of the several voting precincts in said city to be printed and compiled in pamphlet form for public distribution. Said compilation shall be by precincts, separately, not exceeding fifty copies for each, arranged."

*Second*, by striking out section eight of said act.

Corrections of  
assessed names  
upon tax bills.

*Third*, by substituting in place of section nine of said act the following: — "SECTION 9. All corrections of assessed names upon tax bills shall be made by the board of assessors, the registrars of voters, or assistant registrars, on a form of a certificate specially prepared for the purpose; and all tax bills so changed, together with the certificates, shall be stamped with an official stamp of the board making such change, before the person represented by such tax bill shall be allowed to register as a voter. All certificates of names so changed shall be sent to the collector of taxes, who shall, as soon as may be, after the first day of January in each year, make corresponding changes or corrections on the list of assessed polls committed to him by the board of assessors. The collector shall also transmit said certificates to the board of assessors, who shall, before the first day of March in each year, make corresponding changes or corrections on the street books in their department."

*Fourth*, by inserting in line one of section eleven of said act after the word "ward," the words "or precinct."

Identity and  
qualifications of  
applicant for  
registration.

*Fifth*, by amending section fifteen so that it shall read as follows: — "If the registrars are not satisfied as to the identity or qualifications of an applicant for registration, they may make such examination of such applicant, under oath, as they may consider necessary or proper to verify the fact that he is possessed of the constitutional requirements of a voter; and said registrars, as soon after the second day of September in such year as may be necessary, shall hold evening sessions in or near each ward, for the performance of any and all the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this act: *provided, however*, that they shall hold not less than ten evening sessions of not less than three hours' duration prior to the annual state and municipal elections. The collector of taxes shall assign a deputy to be present at all such meetings held before the annual state election for the collection of taxes. He shall also give public notice

thereof by advertisements in at least two daily papers printed in Boston, one of which shall be an evening paper, and by a circular or card addressed to each person assessed for a poll tax only, and delivered through the mail or otherwise. Said circulars or cards shall be delivered on or before the second day of September in each year. No tax bill for poll taxes only shall hereafter be distributed to or for the person assessed before payment thereof."

SECT. 2. All requirements of law in regard to the preparation, publication, posting, or use, of ward lists in the city of Boston, shall be held to be complied with by the employment, in each precinct, of precinct lists, of like description in all respects, of all the legal voters therein. Precinct lists of voters to be posted.

SECT. 3. Section six of chapter sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, as amended by section three of chapter two hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, is amended so as to read as follows: — "The registrars shall, at least twenty-four days before the day of the annual state election, cause printed lists of the voters in each precinct to be posted in one or more places in such precinct, with notices thereon, stating the place and hours in which they or the assistant registrars for such precinct will hold sessions to correct and revise the lists. If the assistant registrars refuse to place the name of any person on the voting list, he may appeal to the board of registrars of voters." Amendments to 1877, 60, § 3.

SECT. 4. The provisions of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six are, as far as they relate to the city of Boston, extended to the voting precincts therein in place of the wards. Amendments to 1876, 225.

SECT. 5. Whenever there is a vacancy in the board of aldermen or common council in the city of Boston, by failure to elect, removal from the city, death, resignation, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of said board of aldermen to issue their warrant in due form for an election to fill such vacancy, at such time and place as they may deem advisable; but, in case of a vacancy in the common council, such warrant shall not be issued until the board of aldermen receive official notice of such vacancy. Election to fill vacancy in board of aldermen.

SECT. 6. Sections twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, and twenty-five, of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Repeal of 1854, 448, §§ 21, 22, 23, 25, etc.

*April 22, 1880.*

[1874, 60; 1878, 243; 1879, 163; 1881, 221.]

## 1881. — CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO HOLDING FUNDS CONTRIBUTED FOR THE RELIEF OF MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The provisions of section four of chapter one hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty, being "an act in relation to pensioning disabled members of the fire department of the city of Boston and for other purposes," shall be held to apply to the members of the Boston protective department, in the same manner, and to the same extent, as to the members of the fire department. Disabled members may be pensioned.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*February 16, 1881.*

[1874, 61; 1880, 107.]

## 1881. — CHAPTER 92.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT FOR THE LAYING OUT OF PUBLIC PARKS IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Sea-wall may be built in Charles river between Cragie's bridge and West Boston bridge, and grounds enclosed may be filled up for a park.

SECTION 1. The board of park commissioners of the city of Boston is hereby authorized and empowered to build a sea-wall on the Boston side of the lower basin of the Charles river, between Cragie's bridge and West Boston bridge, and to fill up the grounds enclosed by said wall for the purposes of a public park, in accordance with the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five. The said sea-wall shall be on or within the following lines:—Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Cragie's bridge distant two hundred feet perpendicular from the westerly line of Charles street, and running southerly by a line parallel to said Charles street to a point opposite the first angle in said street; thence turning a similar angle and running southerly by a line parallel to and two hundred feet perpendicular again from said Charles street to a point opposite another angle in said street, near Fruit street; thence turning a similar angle and running southerly by a straight line two hundred feet perpendicular from and parallel to the next adjoining portion of said Charles street to West Boston bridge. The lines of the sea-wall aforesaid shall constitute the harbor lines beyond which no wharf, pier, or other structure, and no filling in, shall be extended into or over the tide-water of the said basin, excepting such landing-places as the said park commissioners shall build with the approval of the board of harbor and land commissioners; and if the construction of said sea-wall and the filling in of the grounds thereby enclosed shall, in the opinion of said harbor and land commissioners, cause a projection injurious to the flow of the current and the protection of the harbor, then the said park commissioners, or the city of Boston, shall make suitable remedy or provision for the same, by connecting the line of the said sea-wall with the present sea-wall in such manner as the said board of harbor and land commissioners shall approve, and may occupy and use any spaces thereby enclosed for the same purposes for which said sea-wall and filling in is authorized.

Lines of sea-wall to constitute the harbor lines.

If injurious to flow of current, remedy to be provided.

Land to be taken by city and to be used solely for a public park.

SECT. 2. This act is made subject to the following conditions and restrictions, namely:—The city of Boston, or the said board of park commissioners, shall take, by purchase or otherwise, all the land, dock, and wharf property, lying westerly of said Charles street between said bridges, under the provisions of said chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, which, together with the grounds above authorized to be enclosed and filled up, shall be used solely for the purposes of a public park, facing and abutting upon the said Charles river basin. And when the city of Boston or the said park commissioners shall have taken the said land and wharf property, and built the said sea-wall, and fitted up the said grounds as a park as aforesaid, and so long as the same shall be used solely as said park, the commonwealth will not authorize or permit any person or corporation to construct any extensions or erections from or contiguous to the water line of said park, except with the consent of said park commissioners or said city of Boston: *provided, also*, that the city of Boston or said park commissioners shall build the said sea-wall, and fill and fit up the said grounds, during the five years from and after the passage of this act.

Extensions from water-line of park not to be permitted.

Proviso.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 16, 1881.

[1875, 185; 1882, 168.]

1881. — CHAPTER 107.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MAY ERECT BUILDINGS ON CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven is hereby so amended that the time within which the Massachusetts institute of technology may erect a suitable building for the permanent use of said institute, upon the land described in chapter one hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, shall be extended for the term of five years from the eleventh day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

Time for erection of buildings, extended.

SECT. 2. The Massachusetts institute of technology is hereby authorized, at any time within said term of five years, to exchange said parcel of land within the city of Boston for other land, or for adequate consideration to release its interest in said parcel to said city, and, on said exchange or release, said city of Boston may hold, occupy, and control, said parcel of land forever, free from rent or charge by the commonwealth, upon condition that it shall forever be kept open as a public park by said city; said lot to be subject to the limitations and stipulations relative to lands of the commonwealth on the south of Boylston street, and to be reserved from sale forever; and upon the further condition that the city of Boston shall acquire, by purchase or otherwise, the remainder of the trapezoid of land of which said parcel is a part, lying westerly thereof and between said parcel and Dartmouth street, and shall appropriate it to the same purpose.<sup>1</sup>

May exchange land with city of Boston.

1873, 174.

SECT. 3. In case said city shall appropriate said parcel of land, hereby granted, to any purpose foreign to that for which it is granted, then the commonwealth, after due notice given, may enter upon said parcel and take possession thereof, and the right of the city of Boston to the use, occupation, and control, of said lot, shall thereupon cease.

Commonwealth to take land, if appropriated by city to any other use.

March 18, 1881.

1881. — CHAPTER 129.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE ACTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH PURE WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of supplying water to its inhabitants, and especially for the purpose of increasing the supply of water which can be used for its high-service, the city of Boston is hereby authorized, by and through the agency of the Boston water board, to construct and maintain new reservoirs, and connect the same, by aqueducts and pipes, with its present sources of water supply, and with its present reservoirs, aqueducts, and pipes, and to construct and maintain new works and pumping stations in connection with said new reservoirs; and, for this purpose, may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary therefor, situate in the cities of Boston or Newton, or in the town of Brookline, and lay said aqueducts and pipes over or under any water-course or any streets, turnpike roads, railroads, highways or other ways, in such

Water supply for high-service.

May take and hold lands.

<sup>1</sup> The trapezoid of land here described, was conveyed to the city by deed of the Institute of Technology, June 30, 1882 (Suffolk deeds, lib. 1568, fol. 148); by deed of the Commonwealth, June 30, 1882 (lib. 1568, fol. 146), and by deed of the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, July 3, 1882 (lib. 1568, fol. 149). By an order of the city council, approved Feb. 21, 1883, it was named Copley square.

May dig up streets.

Subject to reasonable regulations made by Newton and Brookline.

Streets to be restored to good order and condition.

Newton and Brookline to be indemnified for damages.

Proviso.

Boston to pay all land damages, etc.

Hydrants to be inserted at request of Newton or Brookline.

Subject to acceptance by city council of Boston.

manner as not to unnecessarily obstruct or impede the travel thereon; and may enter upon and dig up any such roads, streets, or ways, for the purpose of laying down said pipes beneath the surface thereof, and for maintaining and repairing the same; but always in such manner and with such care as not to render the roads, streets, and ways, unnecessarily unsafe or inconvenient to the public travel thereon. And said city of Boston, in performing said work, shall not unnecessarily interfere with any existing sewers, water or gas pipes, and shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as to time, place, and manner, of digging up any streets or ways of public travel for the purposes aforesaid, and the laying of said pipes, as shall be made by the city council of the city of Newton or the selectmen of the town of Brookline, within the limits of said city or town, for the protection of their rights of drainage and sewerage therein and the public rights of passage thereon.

SECT. 2. Whenever the city of Boston shall dig up any street or way as aforesaid, it shall restore the same to as good order and condition as the same shall be in when such digging commenced; and the city of Boston shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the city of Newton and the town of Brookline against all damage which may be recovered against them respectively, and shall reimburse to them respectively all expenses which they shall incur by reason of any defect or want of repair in any street or way, caused by the construction of said aqueduct or the laying of said pipes, or by the maintaining or repairing the same: *provided*, that the city of Boston shall have due and reasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury, and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons in their property by the taking of any land or real estate or the laying of said pipes as aforesaid; and any person sustaining damage as aforesaid may have the same ascertained, determined, collected, and paid, in the manner which is provided in sections six, seven, and eight, of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six.

SECT. 4. Upon requisition by the city council of the city of Newton, or the board of selectmen of the town of Brookline, prior to the laying of the said aqueduct and pipes through their respective limits, the city of Boston shall insert a number of hydrants in said pipes at points not less than one thousand feet apart, to be used for extinguishing fires, free of charge, and for no other purpose; and said city or town shall pay to the city of Boston the expense of inserting and keeping in repair such hydrants as shall have been so inserted upon their requisitions aforesaid within their respective limits.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

March 24, 1881.

[1846, 167; 1849, 187; 1864, 271; 1865, 181; 1871, 185; 1872, 177; 1873, 287.]

## 1881. — CHAPTER 197.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHARLES-RIVER PROMENADE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

City may construct plank

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is authorized to lay out and construct continuously or in sections, from time to time, and to maintain

<sup>1</sup> This act has not been accepted by the city council.

for public use, a plank way or sidewalk of a width not exceeding fifteen feet, over the waters of Charles river outside and adjoining the sea-wall now constructed between Berkeley street extended and a point near Hereford street extended, and outside and adjoining any sea-wall that may be constructed to the new park in extension of said sea-wall already built: *provided, however*, that, with the assent of the harbor and land commissioners, such plank way or sidewalk may be laid out, constructed, and maintained, as aforesaid, to a width not exceeding twenty feet.

way over waters  
of Charles river.

*Provido.*

SECT. 2. The city of Boston is authorized to make all such reasonable rules and regulations in regard to such sidewalk or promenade and the access to the water therefrom and from the water thereto, as may be expedient and proper; to appoint all necessary officers and agents to enforce such rules and regulations, and to construct and maintain, for the public use in connection with such sidewalk or promenade, suitable landing-places.

May make rules  
concerning use  
of walk.

SECT. 3. Any real estate in the city of Boston, which, in the opinion of the board of street commissioners of said city, shall receive any benefit and advantage from the laying out of such sidewalk or promenade, or any sections of the same, under the provisions of this act, beyond the general advantages to all real estate in the city of Boston, may, after like notice to all parties interested as is provided by law to be given by said board in cases of laying out streets in said city, be assessed by said board for a proportional share of the expense of such laying out: *provided*, that the entire amount so assessed upon any estate shall not exceed one-half of the amount which said board shall adjudge to be the whole benefit received by it. All general laws in relation to the assessment of damages and betterments in the case of the laying out of a street, highway, or other way, in the city of Boston, shall be applicable to the laying out of the way herein authorized.

Assessments for  
betterments.

*Provido.*

SECT. 4. In the exercise of the powers granted by this act, the city of Boston shall be subject to the provisions of the four hundred and thirty-second chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and all general laws applicable thereto.

Subject to pro-  
visions of 1860,  
c. 432, and gen-  
eral laws appli-  
cable.

SECT. 5. When the plank way or sidewalk herein authorized shall have been laid out by said city and constructed as herein provided, the commonwealth will not authorize any person or corporation to construct any extension or erection from or contiguous to the water line of said way or walk.

Extension or  
erection con-  
tiguous to water  
line not to be  
permitted.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect on its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

April 11, 1881.

## 1881. — CHAPTER 205.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ATTACH METERS TO BUILDINGS WHICH IT SUPPLIES WITH WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized, at its own expense, to attach and maintain a sufficient water meter to the main service pipe in any building or buildings which may be supplied with water by said city under authority of law; and where any building situate within the city of Boston shall be supplied with water by said city through a meter, and there shall be more than one tenement contained in said building, or where different rooms in the same building

May attach  
water meters to  
service pipes.

<sup>1</sup> This act has not been accepted by the city council.



Payment of  
water rates.

Proviso.

are leased to or occupied by different persons taking water through separate fixtures, the owners or lessees of said building shall be liable to said city for the entire amount of water so supplied to said building: *provided*, that, in the case of dwelling-houses containing more than one tenement, and not more than three tenements, it shall be necessary to obtain the consent of the owner thereof before attaching such meter.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 15, 1881.

## 1881. — CHAPTER 221.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT IN RELATION TO REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Amendment to  
1878, 243, § 16.

SECTION 1. Section sixteen of chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight is hereby amended by striking out the first word of said section, and inserting therein the word "all," and inserting before the word "the," in the fourth line, the words "any of," and by inserting after the word "lists," in the fourth line thereof, the words "between the close of registration and the day of the next succeeding election."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 26, 1881.

[1878, 243.]

## 1881. — CHAPTER 229.

AN ACT RELATING TO ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

P.S. 27, § 23.

May prescribe  
duties and fix  
compensation of  
certain officers,  
by ordinance.

SECTION 1. The city council of Boston may pass ordinances prescribing the duties and fixing the compensation of officers for whose appointment or election they are now, or may hereafter be, authorized to provide, and every such officer, unless otherwise provided by statute, may be empowered, by ordinance, to hold office for one year from the day in the year of his election or appointment fixed by ordinance, and until his successor shall be elected or appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by concurrent vote of each branch of the city council.

Certain ordi-  
nances con-  
firmed.

SECT. 2. The ordinances of said city, so far as they provide for a term of office longer than one year, for members of the board of health and of the board of fire commissioners, are hereby confirmed, and the persons now acting under said ordinances as members of said boards, shall, severally, hold their offices, and have the powers and duties thereof, until their successors are qualified.

Enacting style.

SECT. 3. The enacting style and method of publishing the ordinances of said city shall be such as the city shall by ordinance prescribe.

Fines to be paid  
into treasury.

SECT. 4. All fines and penalties for the breach of any ordinance of said city shall be paid into the treasury for the use of said city unless otherwise provided by statute or ordinance.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 30, 1881.

[1854, 448, §§ 35, 38.]

1881. — CHAPTER 278.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A DOG SHELTER, BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston may authorize the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to establish and maintain in said city a shelter for the detention of unlicensed or stray dogs which may be seized under the provisions of this act, and may make any necessary agreement with said society for the reception, sheltering, keeping and feeding, or humane killing or otherwise disposing of such dogs: *provided, however,* that no such shelter shall be established or maintained when an adjoining owner objects thereto.

Board of aldermen may authorize dog shelter.

SECT. 2. The mayor of said city shall, annually, within ten days from the first day of July, issue a warrant to one or more police-officers, or any officer of said Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, directing them to proceed forthwith to seize and deliver at such shelter all dogs found running at large within said city of Boston, not licensed and collared according to law, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers thereof. Such officers, other than those under regular pay from said city, shall receive one dollar from the treasurer of said city for each dog so taken and delivered as aforesaid. And all bills for such service shall be approved as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and thirty of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Dogs running at large to be delivered at shelter.

SECT. 3. Every dog so taken and received by such shelter, as herein before provided, shall be there kept, and provided with suitable food, and the owner thereof may redeem the same at any time within five days, by proving title to said dog, by showing that the same has been duly licensed according to law, and by paying the fee fixed by the aldermen of said city. At the expiration of five days said society may cause said dog to be humanely killed, or, upon the payment of the license fee required by law, it may sell or otherwise dispose of the same.

Dogs to be kept five days and, if not redeemed, to be humanely killed.

SECT. 4. For keeping and sheltering any dog, under the provisions of this act, said society shall not be liable to pay any license fee, nor shall it be liable for keeping any dog at such shelter which is unlicensed.

No license fee required.

SECT. 5. The aldermen of said city shall have the power to prescribe the price at which any dog taken and kept in such shelter may be redeemed by the owner thereof; and all moneys received by said society for the redemption and sale of any dogs kept at such shelter shall be paid to the treasurer of said city.

Aldermen to fix price of redemption.

May 13, 1881.

1881. — CHAPTER 303.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ABATE A NUISANCE IN MYSTIC LOWER POND, FOR PROTECTING THE PURITY OF THE WATERS OF SAID POND, AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, ESPECIALLY IN THE TOWNS OF MEDFORD AND ARLINGTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby directed to cease emptying sewage, or waters, or substances containing polluting matter or properties, into Mystic lower pond, through its sewer constructed

City of Boston to cease emptying sewage into Mystic lower pond.

- under chapter two hundred and two of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, or otherwise, and is hereby also directed to take up and remove so much of said sewer as extends into said pond, and also that part thereof between said pond and a point on the line of said sewer at least two hundred feet from said pond, within three months from the passage of this act, and, thereafter, no person or persons, no municipal nor other corporation or corporations, shall discharge or divert into said pond any sewage or offensive matter, waters, or substances containing such properties or of such quality as shall of themselves, or in connection with other matter, create a nuisance in said Mystic lower pond, or endanger the public health; but nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the city of Boston from discharging such water as shall be collected in its said sewer into said Mystic lower pond, after said city shall have purified, cleansed, and freed, the said waters from all offensive, contaminating, noxious, and polluting, properties and substances, so that said waters shall not of themselves, or in connection with other matter, create a nuisance therein or endanger the public health: *provided*, that said waters, so purified, shall flow for a distance of at least two hundred feet immediately before their entrance into said pond in an open drain over a gravelly or sandy bottom.
- Proviso.**
- To cause pond to be cleansed.** SECT. 2. The city of Boston is hereby directed to cause said Mystic lower pond to be cleansed of such impurities prejudicial to the public health as, in the judgment of the state board of health, lunacy, and charity, it shall have caused, and at such time and in such manner and extent as shall be approved by the state board of health, lunacy, and charity, and said city shall pay the expense incurred thereby; and, should the said board deem the same to be necessary, and so decide, the city of Boston may erect a dam at the outlet of the lower Mystic pond, and may exclude tide-water from said pond, and may raise the height of the water in said pond, and may take land therefor; and any person suffering any damage shall have the right to have damages assessed therefor, as provided in section three of this act.
- Damages.**
- May take lands in Woburn and Winchester.** SECT. 3. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to take and hold, for the time necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, such lands in the towns of Woburn and Winchester, on or near the line of said sewer, as it shall deem necessary, and may construct such canals, basins, tanks, passage-ways, and works, as may be necessary to enable said city to treat said sewage and waters, in order to free the said waters of all noxious, dangerous, and offensive, matter and properties.
- Compensation to owners.** Said city shall make compensation to the owners for such lands as it shall take under this act, and, if said city and said owners do not agree, any person aggrieved shall be entitled to have his damages ascertained by a jury, upon petition to the county commissioners of Middlesex county, the proceedings upon which shall be like those provided for the recovery of damages in the taking of lands for highways.
- May raise money necessary for the purpose.** SECT. 4. Said city of Boston is hereby authorized to raise and appropriate, in such manner as its city government shall determine, such sums of money as shall be incurred by said city in carrying out the provisions of this act.
- Limitations.** SECT. 5. This act shall be subject to the same limitations expressed in section twelve of chapter two hundred and two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five.
- Jurisdiction in equity of supreme judicial court.** SECT. 6. The supreme judicial court, or any justice thereof, in term time or vacation, sitting in equity for either of the counties of Suffolk or Middlesex, shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act by injunction, or by any other appropriate

equitable remedy, on complaint of the selectmen of either of the towns of Medford or Arlington.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 18, 1881.

[1875, 202.]

1882. — CHAPTER 101.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PERMIT THE ERECTION OF CERTAIN FRAME OR WOODEN BUILDINGS WITHIN THE BUILDING LIMITS OF SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

The city council of the city of Boston may authorize the erection of frame or wooden buildings for market purposes, within the building limits of said city, upon the conditions, that such buildings shall not exceed twenty-seven feet in height, that all external parts thereof shall be covered with iron or other non-combustible material, and that the material used and the mode of erection shall be approved by the inspector of buildings of said city.

Erection of frame or wooden buildings for market purposes within the building limits.

March 21, 1882.

1882. — CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL PROBATION OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston may, if in their judgment it seems proper so to do, appoint two additional probation officers in the manner and subject to the provisions prescribed in section seventy-eight of chapter two hundred and twelve of the public statutes.

Additional probation officers may be appointed.

SECT. 2. Section seventy-eight of chapter two hundred and twelve of the public statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second line the words "annually in the month of May and."

Amendment to P.S. 212, § 78.

March 28, 1882.

1882. — CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE NORMAL SCHOOL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The school committee of the city of Boston may provide instruction in the principles and methods of teaching, for the benefit of teachers in the service of said city, said instruction to be given in connection with the normal school of said city.

Teachers may be taught in Normal school.

SECT. 2. The action of the school committee of said city heretofore, in providing instruction for the benefit of teachers in the service of said city, is ratified, confirmed, and made valid, to the same extent as if this act had been passed prior to such action.

Action of school committee confirmed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 5, 1882.

[1874, 167.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 138.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE CHARLES RIVER AND WARREN BRIDGES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Interest of commonwealth in bridges, to be conveyed to city of Boston.

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is empowered, in the name and on behalf of the commonwealth, to execute, acknowledge, and deliver, to the city of Boston, a good and sufficient instrument transferring to said city and its assigns all the right, title, and interest, of the commonwealth in and to the Charles river bridge and Warren bridge, the approaches to the same, the materials of which said bridges are composed, and in and to all things pertaining to said bridges belonging to the commonwealth. Such transfer shall not be made until there is constructed, subject to the provisions of law, and opened for public use at the expense of said city, a new bridge which, in the opinion of the governor and council, will afford facilities as ample as those provided by the said existing bridges ; and upon such transfer, the said city may discontinue said now existing bridges or either of them.

No change without consent of commissioners.

SECT. 2. No change shall be made in the piles of said bridges without the approval of the board of harbor and land commissioners.

Taking of tolls not authorized.

SECT. 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to grant authority to the city of Boston or its assigns to take tolls on said bridges or on the new bridge which may be constructed.

April 5, 1882.

[1874, 259.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 143.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE LAND FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

May take land for a public library.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized and empowered to take and hold by purchase, or otherwise, at any time within two years from the passage of this act, so much land within its limits as it may deem necessary for the erection thereon of a public library and for a yard for the same ; and said city may appropriate and use therefor any land now owned by it.

To have recorded in registry of deeds, description of land taken.

SECT. 2. Said city shall, within thirty days from the time when it shall take any parcel or parcels of land under this act, file in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk, and cause to be recorded therein, a description of the land so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which said land is taken ; which description and statement shall be signed by the mayor of said city. The said city shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person by reason of the taking of land as aforesaid ; such damages to be ascertained and determined in the manner provided for ascertaining and determining damages in case of the laying out, altering, or discontinuing of ways within the city of Boston.

Laws of betterments not to apply.

SECT. 3. The provisions of law in relation to the assessment of betterments shall not be applicable to the taking of land under this act.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 10, 1882.

[1853, 38 ; 1857, 11 ; 1878, 114 ; 1880, 222.]

1882. — CHAPTER 155.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE TO  
CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A BRIDGE OVER CHARLES RIVER.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The cities of Boston and Cambridge are authorized to construct a bridge and avenue across Charles river, from a point on Beacon street in Boston, to a point in Cambridge west of the westerly line of the Boston and Albany railroad. The location of said bridge and avenue shall be determined by the city councils of said cities acting separately, subject to the approval of the board of harbor and land commissioners so far as it affects the harbor, and subject, moreover, to the limitation that the line thereof shall not be north-east of a line drawn from the junction of Beacon street and West Chester park in Boston, to the junction of the harbor line with Front street, extended, in Cambridge, nor south-west of a line drawn from the junction of Beacon street, Brookline avenue, and Brighton avenue, in Boston, to the junction of the Boston and Albany railroad with Putnam avenue, extended, in Cambridge. Said bridge shall have a draw, with a clear opening of at least thirty-eight feet in width, for the passage of vessels.

Bridge over  
Charles river  
between Boston  
and Cambridge.

Draw to be  
thirty-eight  
feet wide.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be constructed of such materials as the said cities may agree upon, but on iron or stone piers and abutments, to be of such size, shape, and construction, and be at such distance from one another, as the said board of harbor and land commissioners, upon application made by said cities upon such notice as said board may deem proper, and after a hearing thereon, shall determine and certify to each of said cities; and no pier or abutment shall be built except in accordance with such certificate. The avenue, with the exception of the portion between the harbor lines, may be constructed of solid filling, with the approval of the said board of harbor and land commissioners. Neither city, separately, shall enter upon the construction of said bridge, but they shall jointly proceed to construct the same in accordance with plans to be submitted to, and approved by, the councils of said cities concurrently, and by the said board of harbor and land commissioners.

Materials of  
structure.

Bridge to be  
built by cities  
jointly.

SECT. 3. Each city may, within its own limits, purchase or otherwise take lands, not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five feet in width, for said bridge and avenue; and all the proceedings relating to such taking shall be the same as in the case of land taking for highways within said cities respectively, with like remedies to all parties interested; and betterments may be assessed for the construction of said bridge and avenue in each city in like manner as for the laying out of highways under the betterment acts in force in each city respectively, with like remedies to all parties interested.

Each city may  
take lands.

SECT. 4. Each of said cities shall bear the expense, including land damages, of constructing such part of said bridge and avenue as lies upon its own side of the Charles river; but the expense of constructing so much thereof, including the draw, as shall lie between the harbor lines, shall be borne by both cities in such proportion as may be agreed upon by the two cities. The care and management of said bridge and draw shall be vested in a board of commissioners consisting of one person from each city, chosen in accordance with such ordinances as said cities shall respectively establish, and, until such commissioners are chosen, the mayors of said cities shall *ex officio* constitute such commissioners.

Distribution of  
expense of  
building.

Commissioners  
to be appointed

SECT. 5. Said avenue and bridge, when completed, shall be a public highway, and the expense of maintaining in repair that part thereof

Expense of  
keeping in  
repair.

which lies between the harbor lines, and of keeping the draw in repair, and of tending the draw day and night for the passage of vessels, shall be borne equally by the two cities, and all damages recovered by reason of any defect or want of repair in that part of the bridge between the harbor lines, or in the draw, shall be paid equally by said cities.

Avenue may cross railroad at grade.

SECT. 6. Said avenue may cross, at grade, any railroad operated by steam, and the board of railroad commissioners shall, upon the application of either city or any railroad corporation, prescribe the details of the crossing, and certify to the parties its decision, which decision may be enforced by proper process in equity.

Bonds may be issued by each city.

SECT. 7. Each of said cities may issue bonds in payment, in whole or in part, of the expense incurred by it under this act. Such bonds may bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and shall be payable at such time not less than ten, nor more than thirty, years from their respective dates, as shall be determined by said cities respectively, and expressed upon the face of the bonds. Nothing, however, contained herein, shall warrant an increase of municipal indebtedness beyond the limitations prescribed by section four of chapter twenty-nine of the public statutes.

To be constructed within ten years.

SECT. 8. This act shall be void unless that portion of the bridge between the harbor lines shall be constructed within ten years from the passage hereof.

April 14, 1882.

## 1882. — CHAPTER 168.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ISSUE A PUBLIC PARK LOAN.

#### *Be it enacted, etc.:*

May issue a "public park loan."

For the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "an act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston," and of any acts in amendment thereof or addition thereto, the city council of the city of Boston shall have authority to issue, from time to time, and to an amount not exceeding the amount actually expended for the purchase or taking of lands or flats for park purposes, bonds or certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face thereof "public park loan," to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and to be payable at such periods as said city council may determine, not exceeding thirty years from their respective dates. For the redemption of such loan said city council shall establish a sinking-fund sufficient, with the accumulating interest, to provide for its payment at maturity. All sums received for betterments from the laying out of public parks shall be paid into said sinking-fund until such fund shall amount to a sum sufficient, with its accumulation, to pay, at maturity, the bonds for the security of which the fund was established.

Sinking-fund to be established.

April 19, 1882.

[1875, 185.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 173.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE INCORPORATION AND LOCATIONS OF THE  
CHARLES RIVER STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The certificate issued by the secretary of the commonwealth, on the twenty-sixth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, certifying that Samuel L. Montague, Charles E. Raymond, Daniel U. Chamberlain, and others, their associates and successors, were legally established as a corporation, under the name of the Charles River Street Railway Company, for the purpose of locating, constructing, maintaining, and operating, a street railway for the conveyance of persons, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in all general laws which then were, or hereafter might be, in force relating to street railway companies, is ratified and confirmed; and said corporation shall be deemed and taken to have been then duly established, and it shall exercise and enjoy the aforesaid powers and privileges, and shall be subject to the aforesaid duties, liabilities, and restrictions, except so far as the same are modified and controlled by the provisions of this act.

Charter confirmed.

SECT. 2. All locations heretofore granted to said corporation by the boards of aldermen of the cities of Cambridge and Somerville are ratified and confirmed, and shall be deemed and taken to have been duly granted, and said corporation shall have power to maintain and use the same, subject to the provisions of section forty-eight of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the public statutes: *provided*, the tracks of said corporation shall not cross the Fitchburg railroad at grade without the consent of the board of railroad commissioners.

Locations confirmed.

Provided.

SECT. 3. Said corporation may construct, maintain, and use, its railway with single or double tracks, and with convenient and suitable turnouts, from a point on Coolidge avenue in the town of Watertown, opposite the southerly entrance to Mount Auburn cemetery, over said avenue to Mount Auburn street in the city of Cambridge, there to connect with the location heretofore granted to said corporation; also, from a point on Brookline bridge at the dividing line between the cities of Cambridge and Boston, over said bridge and Brookline street, to and across Brighton avenue in the city of Boston, to and into Essex street in the town of Brookline, to a point at or near Cottage Farm station on the Boston and Albany railroad; and, subject to the proviso contained in section two in regard to crossing the Fitchburg railroad at grade, upon and over such other highways in said cities of Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville, and the towns of Watertown and Brookline, as locations thereon may hereafter, from time to time, be granted by the boards of aldermen of said cities or the selectmen of said towns.

May construct railway with single or double tracks.

SECT. 4. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston may from time to time, upon petition of said Charles River Street Railway Company, after due notice and hearing, grant to said corporation the right to enter upon and use the tracks of any other street railway corporation in said city, and compensation shall be made therefor, as provided by law; and said Charles River Street Railway Company, or any other party interested, may appeal from any decision of said board of aldermen, made upon any such petition, to the board of railroad commissioners, and said board of railroad commissioners may decide upon any such petition, and, in case it grants the same, may determine the extent of use of tracks, and the number and routes of cars.

May be allowed to enter upon tracks of other street railway corporations.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.



## 1882. — CHAPTER 204.

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON IN RELATION TO GENERAL MEETINGS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

General meetings may be warned upon requisition of twenty-five voters of each ward.

Section sixty of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four is amended so as to read as follows: "General meetings of the citizens qualified to vote in city affairs may from time to time be held to consult upon the common good, to give instructions to their representatives, and to take all lawful measures to obtain a redress of any grievances according to the right secured to the people by the constitution of this commonwealth. Such meetings shall and may be duly warned by the board of aldermen upon the requisition of twenty-five qualified voters of each ward of said city. If the board of aldermen refuses or neglects to call any such meeting, any justice of the municipal court of said city may, upon a like requisition, by a warrant under his hand in such form, and so served, executed and returned, as he shall determine, call such meeting at such time and in such manner as he may direct, and shall appoint some one to preside therein until the same shall be duly organized by the choice of clerk and chairman."

May 5, 1882.

[1854, 448.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 216.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO ASSISTANT HARBOR-MASTERS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Assistant harbor-masters may be appointed.

SECTION 1. Assistant harbor-masters may be appointed for any harbor in the commonwealth, by the mayor and aldermen of the city, or by the selectmen of the town, in which such harbor is situated. Such mayor and aldermen, or selectmen, shall fix the compensation of such assistants, to be paid by their respective city or town, and the assistants so appointed shall continue in office until the appointment of their successors, or until their appointments shall have been revoked.

To be under direction of harbor-master.

SECT. 2. Such assistants shall be subject to the direction and control of the harbor-master of their respective city or town, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, of said harbor-master, whether given by general or special acts.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 12, 1882.

[1862, 64.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 222.

## AN ACT IN RELATION TO ADVERTISING APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Advertising applications for liquor licenses in Boston.

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter one hundred of the public statutes is amended by inserting after the words "printed therein," in the fourth line thereof, the words "and in the Charlestown, East Boston, South Boston, Roxbury, West Roxbury, Dorchester, and Brighton, districts, respectively, in said city, in at least one weekly

newspaper published in the district where the premises for which the license is asked are located, if there be any so published."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 12, 1882.

[P.S. 100, § 6.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 226.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO BLANKS FOR CERTAIN COURT RETURNS, AND TO REPORTS OF ARRESTS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The blank forms of the returns required by sections thirty-four and thirty-five of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public statutes shall be furnished by the commissioners of prisons, and shall be in such form as said commissioners shall prescribe.

Blank forms of returns to be furnished by commissioners of prisons.

SECT. 2. The police commissioners of the city of Boston, the city marshals or chiefs of police of other cities and of towns, and every officer making an arrest in a city or town not having a chief of police, shall make monthly reports to the commissioners of prisons, showing the number of persons of each sex arrested in their several cities and towns; such returns to be classified according to offences. Said commissioners may, in their annual report, present such statistics compiled from said reports as they shall deem expedient.

Monthly reports of arrests to be made by police commissioners of Boston.

SECT. 3. Section fifteen of chapter fifteen of the public statutes, and section thirty-six of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public statutes, are repealed.

Repeal of P.S. 15, § 15; 219, § 36.

May 16, 1882.

[1878, 244.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 252.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION, USE, AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may, by ordinance, regulate the building, management, and inspection, of elevators, hoist-ways, and elevator shafts, in said city.

Building, etc., of elevators may be regulated.  
R.O. c. 43.

SECT. 2. The said city may, by ordinance, require the registration of all persons carrying on the business of plumbing in said city, and prescribe rules and regulations for the materials, construction, alteration, and inspection of all pipes, tanks, faucets, valves, and other fixtures, by and through which water and sewage is used and carried, and provide that no such pipes, tanks, faucets, valves, or other fixtures, shall be placed in any building in said city, except in accordance with plans which shall be approved by the inspector of buildings of said city.

Registration of plumbers.  
Ordinances, 1883, c. 2.

SECT. 3. No person shall erect, place, construct, or cause to be erected, placed, or constructed, or begin to erect, place, or construct, any window or other projection into or over any public highway, street, bridge, or square, in said city, except that the board of aldermen, after due notice and hearing before said board or a committee thereof, may permit the building of a window or other projection, as aforesaid, in such manner as shall be approved by the inspector of buildings: *provided*, that such window or other projection shall not affect the vested right of any person.

Windows, etc., not to be built into or over streets, except by permission of board of aldermen.  
128 Mass. 330.

Proviso.

Thickness of  
external walls  
other than of  
brick or stone.

SECT. 4. In the erection of any building in said city within the building limits, so called, established by the city council, if the material of which the external wall is composed is other than brick or stone, the thickness and method of construction shall be such as the inspector of buildings shall determine.

Returns relative  
to steam boilers.

SECT. 5. The facts and returns relative to steam boilers required to be ascertained and made to the tax commissioner, by section ninety-two of chapter eleven of the public statutes, shall be ascertained and made, in the city of Boston, by the inspector of buildings and not by the assessors.

Penalties.

SECT. 6. The said city may impose penalties not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence, for any violation of the provisions contained in sections one and two of this act.

Liability for  
violation of pro-  
visions of section  
three.

SECT. 7. Any person who shall violate the provisions of section three of this act shall, upon the application of the inspector of buildings of said city, be liable to the processes of law and equity set forth in section twenty-three of chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

Repeal of 1881,  
117.

SECT. 8. Chapter one hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one is hereby repealed.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 25, 1882.

[1871, 280; 1872, 260, 371; 1873, 298; 1876, 176.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 256.

AN ACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF BOSTON HARBOR AND OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Sewage not to be  
discharged near  
Calf pasture in  
Dorchester bay.

SECTION 1. No part of the contents of the main sewer now or hereafter to be constructed running south-easterly from the direction of Charles river in the city of Boston shall be discharged at or near the shore of the Calf pasture, so called, in Dorchester bay, or at any place in Boston harbor or vicinity, except at Moon island. The supreme judicial court or any justice thereof, upon the petition of not less than ten taxable inhabitants of the city of Boston, may restrain by injunction, or otherwise, any violation of the provisions of this act.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 26, 1882.

[1876, 186; 1879, 280.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE FEES FOR LICENSES OF KEEPERS OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICES, DEALERS IN VARIOUS ARTICLES, AND KEEPERS OF BILLIARD, POOL AND SIPPIC ROOMS AND BOWLING-ALLEYS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Fees for  
licenses.

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and twenty-four of chapter one hundred and two of the public statutes, relating to licenses granted to keepers of intelligence offices, dealers in junk, old metals, and second-hand articles, pawnbrokers, and keepers of billiard saloons, pool or sippic tables or rooms, and bowling-alleys, is amended by striking out the last sentence of said section, beginning with the words, "The clerk," and substituting therefor the following words:

"The board issuing such a license shall receive for the use of the city or town for each license such sum not less than two dollars, and in the city of Boston for a pawnbroker's license such sum not less than ten dollars, as the board shall deem reasonable." Fees in Boston for pawnbroker's license.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 26, 1882.

[1878, 244; P. S. 102, § 124.]

## 1882. — CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE OF THE PLACE OF STORAGE OF GUN-POWDER AND OTHER EXPLOSIVE COMPOUNDS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Any person, who shall hereafter store or keep for sale gunpowder or any other explosive compound above the quantity of one pound in any building in any city or town of this commonwealth shall, immediately on the receipt of such gunpowder or other explosive compound, deliver to the chief engineer of the fire department of such city or town, except in Boston, and in Boston to the board of fire commissioners, a statement in writing of the amount of such gunpowder or other explosive compound kept, or proposed to be kept, together with a description of the building and part of the building in which the same is kept, or proposed to be kept, sufficiently accurate for identification; and no person shall store, or keep for sale, gunpowder or any other explosive compound in any other place: *provided*, that in any town where there is no fire department, such statement shall be delivered to one of the firewards in such town. Notice to chief engineer of fire department of plan of storage of explosive compounds. Special provisions in Boston. Provide.

SECT. 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 26, 1882.

[1883, 151; 1837, 99; 1841, 58.]

## 1883. — CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENSIONING OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Section five of chapter two hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relative to the pensioning of members of the police department of the city of Boston, is amended by inserting after the word "captain" in the fourth line thereof, the word "lieutenant." Disabled lieutenants of police may be retired with pensions.

February 15, 1883.

[1878, 244; 1879, 97.]

## 1883. — CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE LAND FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is authorized to take and hold by purchase or otherwise, at any time within two years from the passage May take land for public institutions.

of this act, so much land within its limits or on the islands in Boston harbor as it may deem necessary for the public institutions of said city and the county of Suffolk.

To file and have recorded in the registry of deeds, within thirty days, a description of land taken.

Liability for damages.

SECT. 2. Said city shall, within thirty days from the time when it shall take any land under this act, file in the office of the register of deeds for the county in which such land is situated, and cause to be recorded therein, a description of the land so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which said land is taken; which description and statement shall be signed by the mayor of said city. The city of Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person by reason of the taking of land as aforesaid, and, in case the parties cannot agree, the damages shall be assessed by a jury at the bar of the superior court, on petition to be filed in the clerk's office of said court, in the county in which said land is situated, within two years next succeeding the filing of the description before mentioned, and sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of chapter forty-nine of the public statutes, shall apply to the assessment of damages under this act.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 17, 1883.

## 1883. — CHAPTER 87.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF SOMERVILLE TO CONSTRUCT A SEWER IN CAMBRIDGE AND CRESCENT STREETS IN BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Mayor and aldermen of Somerville may maintain a sewer through Charlestown district in Boston.

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Somerville are hereby authorized to construct and maintain a common sewer which shall extend from any point in Pearl street or Crescent street in Somerville, through any portion of said streets, or either of them, into Crescent street and Cambridge street in that part of Boston formerly known as Charlestown, and thence into Washington street in Somerville, so as to connect with the present main drain or common sewer in the last named street.

Assessments for betterments.

SECT. 2. The mayor and aldermen, under the provisions of chapter fifty of the public statutes, may assess a proportional part of the charge of such construction upon such estates in Somerville as are benefited thereby; which assessments shall constitute a lien on the estates assessed, and be enforced in the manner provided in said chapter and with the same rights reserved to persons aggrieved by such assessments as are therein provided.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 29, 1883.

## 1883 — CHAPTER 91.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF ASSESSORS OF TAXES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Returns and copies of valuable books to be deposited in office of secretary of the commonwealth.

SECTION 1. The returns and copies of assessors' books, required by sections fifty-four and fifty-five of chapter eleven of the public statutes to be deposited by the assessors in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, shall hereafter be deposited as follows: copies of the assessors' books shall be deposited as required on or before the first day of October in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and in every third year thereafter; and, in such years, the secretary of the commonwealth shall furnish, to the cities and towns, duplicate

copies of the blank books required for this purpose. And the other returns specified in said sections shall be so deposited on or before the first day of October in each year: *provided*, that in the case of the city of Boston all said returns may be deposited in the office of the secretary on or before the first day of November in the several years respectively.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 29, 1883.

[P.S. 11, §§ 54, 55.]

## 1883. — CHAPTER 140.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO WARREN BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may make such changes in the location of Warren bridge, or any part thereof, and the approaches thereto, as the public convenience and necessity may require; and may reconstruct said bridge with a width not exceeding eighty feet, or construct a new bridge and approaches thereto, not exceeding the aforesaid width in any new location so made; and for such purposes the said city may take lands and other property as it may deem necessary.

Location may be changed.

Old bridge may be reconstructed or new bridge built.

SECT. 2. All the right, title, and interest, of the commonwealth in and to the said Warren bridge, the approaches thereto, and the materials of which it is composed, are hereby transferred to the city of Boston.

Right of commonwealth transferred to city.

SECT. 3. In the exercise of the powers granted by this act the city of Boston shall be subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the public statutes, and to all general laws applicable thereto.

Subject to P.S. 19.

SECT. 4. Said city shall, within thirty days after it takes any land under this act, file in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk, and cause to be recorded therein, a description of the land so taken, as certain as is required in a conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which such land is taken; which description and statement shall be signed by the mayor of said city. The said city shall be liable to pay all damages sustained by any person in his property by reason of the taking of land or other property as aforesaid, and, in case the parties cannot agree, the damages shall be assessed by a jury at the bar of the superior court for the county of Suffolk, on petition, to be filed in the office of the clerk of said court within two years next succeeding the filing of the description before mentioned; and sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of chapter forty-nine of the public statutes shall apply to the assessment of damages under this act.

Description of land taken, to be filed and recorded in registry of deeds.

Liability for damages.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 21, 1883.

[1874, 259; 1880, 125; 1882, 138; 1883, 140; 1884, 327.]

## 1883. — CHAPTER 141.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE LIMIT OF TIME FOR THE ERECTION OF A LIBRARY BUILDING BY THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The provisions of chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty, relating to

Term extended for erection of library building.

the grant of land on the Back bay to the city of Boston for the purpose of erecting thereon a building for the public library, are hereby extended and continued in force for a further term of three years from the date of the expiration of the time limited in the act above cited.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 21, 1883.

[1880, 222; 1882, 148.]

## 1883. — CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT TO ABATE A NUISANCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Nuisance may be abated.

SECTION 1. The board of health of the city of Boston may order any or all the owners of the flats and of the creek connected therewith of Prison Point bay, so called, situated in that part of Boston called Charlestown and lying north of the Fitchburg railroad and the old state prison grounds west of Canal street south of Cambridge street and north and east of the boundary line between Boston and Somerville, to fill up their said flats, basin, and creek, with good earth or other suitable material, to a grade not less than ten feet above mean low water, in order to secure the abatement of the existing nuisance therein, and for the preservation of the public health of said city, and may also direct in such orders within what time any specific portion thereof shall be filled.

Grade to be not less than ten feet above mean low water.

Order to be in writing and served upon record owner.

SECT. 2. Such orders shall be made in writing and served, by any person competent to serve a notice in a civil suit personally, on the record owner, or a copy of the order may be left at the last and usual place of abode of such owner if he is known and within the state. If he is unknown, or without the state, the notice may be served by advertising in one or more public newspapers published in Boston, in such manner and for such length of time as the board of health of said city may direct.

City may fill up territory if owner fails to comply within thirty days.

SECT. 3. If any owner of any portion of the territory described in the first section of this act fails to begin to comply with any such order within thirty days after service of the notice aforesaid, or fails, after such beginning, to continue to the satisfaction of said board of health, the said board shall so determine, and thereupon the city of Boston shall fill up the said territory or portion thereof, as hereinafter required, and all expenses incurred thereby shall constitute a lien upon said territory or upon the portion thereof so filled, and upon the land made by said filling and upon all buildings thereon which may be assessed by the board of aldermen of said city of Boston; and the assessment so made, with the charges for cost and interest, may be enforced and collected by the city collector of said city, in the manner provided by law for the collection of taxes upon real estate.

Expense to be a lien upon territory.

Apportionment of expense.

SECT. 4. If the owner or owners of any land so assessed for such expenses desire to have the amount of said assessment apportioned, he or they shall give notice thereof in writing, to the board of aldermen of said city, at any time before a demand is made upon him or them for the payment thereof; and said board shall thereupon apportion said amount into three equal parts, which apportionment shall be certified to the assessors of said city; and the said assessors shall add one of said equal parts, with six per cent. interest thereon, to the annual tax of said land each year, for the three years next ensuing.

SECT. 5. If the owner or owners of any parcel of land, the grade of which is raised under the third section of this act, is dissatisfied with the assessment of the expenses of raising the grade of his or their land, he or they may, within twelve months after receiving notice of such assessment, apply for a jury, by petition to the superior court for the county of Suffolk, and have the expenses assessed in the same manner as betterments for the laying out of streets and highways in the county of Suffolk may be assessed. Owner dissatisfied may apply for a jury.

SECT. 6. If the jury do not reduce the amount of the assessment complained of, the respondent shall recover costs against the petitioner, which costs shall be a lien upon the estate and be collected in the same manner as the assessment; but, if the jury reduce the amount of the assessment, the petitioner shall recover costs; and all assessments shall be a lien on the estate for one year after the final judgment in any suit or proceeding where the amount or validity of the same is in question, and shall be collected in the same manner as original assessments. Costs.

SECT. 7. Said city may construct and maintain such sewers in the territory mentioned in section one of this act as it deems the public health and convenience require, and shall not obstruct the running off of the surface water naturally flowing into the territory authorized to be filled by this act, nor the water flowing into the same through any creek or other natural water-course. City may construct and maintain sewers.

SECT. 8. The said city of Boston may lay or permit to be laid railway tracks through or across its streets, and maintain or permit them to be maintained so long as may be necessary for transporting earth and other material to fill up the territory as herein provided. May lay railway tracks through streets.

SECT. 9. All filling and grading done under this act shall be done within two years from the passage hereof. Work to be done within two years.

SECT. 10. Chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one is hereby repealed. Repeal of 1881, 238.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 24, 1883.

## 1883. — CHAPTER 155.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Section two of chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two is amended by adding at the end of the seventeenth line the words "except in case of buildings not exceeding fifteen feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, nor exceeding five hundred feet in area, the external walls of which shall not be less than eight inches thick." Inspection of buildings in Boston.

April 30, 1883.

[1872, 371.]

## 1883. — CHAPTER 173.

### AN ACT TO PROVIDE AGAINST THE USE OF UNSAFE ELEVATORS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

If any elevator, whether used for freight or passengers, shall, in the judgment of the inspector of factories and public buildings of the district in which such elevator is used, or, in the city of Boston, of the inspector of buildings of said city, be unsafe or dangerous to use, Inspection of elevators.



Notice to be placarded when elevator is unsafe.

Penalty.

or has not been constructed in the manner required by law, the said inspector shall immediately placard conspicuously upon the entrance to, or door of the cab or car of, such elevator a notice of its dangerous condition, and prohibit the use of such elevator until made safe to the satisfaction of said inspector. Any person removing such notice or operating such elevator while such notice is placarded as aforesaid, without authority from said inspector, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for each offence.

May 14, 1883.

## 1883. — CHAPTER 251.

### AN ACT TO SECURE BETTER PROVISIONS FOR ESCAPE FROM HOTELS AND CERTAIN OTHER BUILDINGS, IN CASE OF FIRE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Watchmen in hotels and boarding-houses.

Halls and stair-ways to be lighted.

Fire escapes.

Inspector of buildings may require further provisions.

Penalties.

SECTION 1. Every keeper of a hotel, boarding or lodging house, containing one hundred or more rooms, and being four or more stories high, shall have therein at least two competent watchmen, each properly assigned, and each on duty between the hours of nine o'clock in the afternoon and six o'clock in the forenoon. And every keeper of a hotel, boarding or lodging house, containing fifty or more, but less than one hundred, rooms, and being three stories high, shall have between said hours at least one competent watchman on duty therein. And in all such hotels or lodging-houses as are mentioned in this section, the halls and stair-ways shall be properly lighted at night, and at the head and foot of each flight of stairs shall be kept during the night a red light; and one or more proper alarms, or gongs, capable of being heard throughout the house, shall always remain easy of access and ready for use in each of said buildings, to give notice to the inmates in case of fire; and every keeper of such hotel, boarding or lodging house, shall keep posted in a conspicuous place in every sleeping-room a notice descriptive of such means of escape.

SECT. 2. Hotels used and occupied as public houses, for the reception and entertainment of guests, boarding or lodging houses, and school buildings, being three or more stories high, and accommodating, or having the means of accommodating, thirty or more persons, also factories, workshops, and manufacturing establishments, of said height, in which forty or more persons are employed, shall be supplied inside thereof with proper and sufficient means or appliances for escape, in case of fire, or apparatus for that purpose properly constructed upon the outside thereof, connected through doors or windows; all such fire-escapes shall be kept in good order and free from obstructions, and shall be approved by the inspector of factories and public buildings, or, in the city of Boston, by the inspector of buildings.

SECT. 3. The inspector of buildings in the city of Boston, the mayor and aldermen of other cities, and the selectmen of towns, shall prescribe as they deem necessary, except so far as is specifically required in the preceding sections, what additional night-watch shall be kept, and what further provisions for the prevention of fires, and for the better protection of life in case of fire, shall be made by the several keepers of hotels, boarding or lodging houses, within their respective limits; and no license shall be granted to any keeper of a hotel embraced in the provisions of this act, until the requirements thereof, so far as applicable, have been complied with.

SECT. 4. Whoever neglects or refuses to provide watchmen, as required by this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars for each offence, and whoever violates any of the other

provisions of this act, shall be subject to the same penalty as is prescribed in section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and four of the public statutes.

June 23, 1883.

[1884, 223.]

### 1883. — CHAPTER 261.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF NATICK TO SUPPLY THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY WITH WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The town of Natick is authorized to furnish from its water supply, to the town of Wellesley, a supply of water for the use of said town of Wellesley and its inhabitants for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic purposes, and may contract with said town of Wellesley for such supply of water on such terms as may be agreed upon between said towns. Natick may supply Wellesley with water.

SECT. 2. The town of Natick shall not exercise its right to take water from Long pond, as provided in chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, while it is supplying the inhabitants of the town of Wellesley with water under the authority of this act. Not to take water from Long pond.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 28, 1883.

[1846, 167.]

### 1883. — RESOLVES. CHAPTER 47.

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL TO TRANSFER CERTAIN ARTICLES OF FURNITURE TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Resolved,* That the governor and council be, and they are hereby, authorized to transfer to the city of Boston any old furniture or other articles used in or identified with the old state-house. Old state-house furniture to be transferred to city.

June 2, 1883.

### 1884. — CHAPTER 115.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

No member of the city council of the city of Boston shall be eligible, during the term for which he was chosen, to any office by appointment or by election of said city council or either branch thereof, the salary of which office is payable from the city treasury. Members of city council ineligible to salaried office.

March 27, 1884.

### 1884. — CHAPTER 123.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO ASSESSORS AND ASSISTANT-ASSESSORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Assessors and assistant-assessors in the city of Boston may be elected in such manner and hold office for such term, not Terms of office of assessors.

exceeding three years, as the city council of said city may by ordinance prescribe.

Ordinances confirmed.  
R.O. c. 20.

SECT. 2. The ordinances of said city, so far as they provide that assessors shall be elected and shall hold office for three years, are hereby confirmed, and shall continue in force until the same are altered or repealed by the city council; and the persons elected assessors under said ordinances shall continue in office according to the tenor of such ordinances.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 31, 1884.

## 1884. — CHAPTER 140.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF AN OFFICER AT THE SESSIONS OF THE PROBATE COURT AND THE COURT OF INSOLVENCY IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Appointment of constable to attend sessions of probate court.

SECTION 1. The judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk shall appoint a constable of the city of Boston to attend upon the sessions of the probate court and the court of insolvency for said county, and to serve such orders, precepts, and processes, issuing therefrom, or from the judge thereof, as may be committed to him; and said officer shall receive from the treasury of said county a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, to be paid in monthly instalments.

Salary.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 10, 1884.

## 1884. — CHAPTER 173.

AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS AND HARBOR-MASTERS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Amendment to P.S. 69, § 26, 29, 33.

SECTION 1. Sections twenty-six, twenty-nine, and thirty-three, of chapter sixty-nine of the public statutes are amended so as to read as follows :—

Vessels to be anchored according to the rules of the harbor master.

Section 26. Every master of a vessel within a harbor for which a harbor-master is appointed shall anchor his vessel according to the rules and regulations of the harbor-master, and shall move to such other place as the harbor-master may direct; and every master of a tow-boat having a vessel in tow, and every pilot having a vessel in charge, shall allow such vessel to anchor only in such place as the rules and regulations of the harbor-master provide for anchorage.

Harbor master may remove any vessel not moving when directed.

Section 29. A harbor-master may cause the removal of any vessel lying in his harbor and not moving where directed by him so to do, and the expense of such removal shall be paid by the master or owners of such vessel. In case of their neglect or refusal to pay such expense, after it has been demanded, it may be recovered in an action of contract by the harbor-master from the master or owners of such vessel, to the use of the city or town in which the harbor is situated.

Penalty.

Section 33. Whoever violates any of the provisions of the ten preceding sections, or refuses or neglects to obey the instructions of a harbor-master lawfully given, or resists a harbor-master in the execution of his duties, shall be liable to a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 19, 1884.

## 1884. — CHAPTER 223.

## AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY APPLIANCES IN HOTELS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. All hotels, boarding and lodging houses, subject to the provisions of chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, adopting a system of electric watch-clocks, that shall register at the office the movements of the watchman throughout the house, or adopting in the rooms any system of thermostats, or fire-alarm bells that shall be approved by the inspector of factories and public buildings, or in the city of Boston by the inspector of buildings, shall be exempt from maintaining more than one watchman, in addition to the regular night-clerk and porters.

Watchmen in  
hotels and  
boarding-  
houses.

SECT. 2. The provisions of this act, and of said chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, shall apply to family hotels.

Family hotels.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 8, 1884.

[1883, 251.]

## 1884. — CHAPTER 250.

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby divided into twelve aldermanic districts, and wards one and two shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district; wards three, four, and five, shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district; wards six, seven, and eight, shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district; wards nine and ten shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district; wards eleven and sixteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district; wards twelve and thirteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district; wards fourteen and fifteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district; wards seventeen and eighteen shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district; wards nineteen and twenty-two shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district; wards twenty and twenty-one shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district; wards twenty-three and twenty-five shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district; and ward twenty-four shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Aldermanic  
districts.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the city council, after any new division of said city into wards, to cause a new division of the city to be made into twelve aldermanic districts, in such manner as to include in such districts whole and contiguous wards (except so far as the same may be separated by natural water-channels connected by bridge or bridges), and an equal number of voters and inhabitants as nearly as convenience permits, and until such new division be made the districts shall remain as established by this act.

New divisions  
to be made by  
city council.

SECT. 3. The qualified voters of each of said aldermanic districts shall, at the annual municipal election, be called upon to give in their

One alderman to  
be elected in  
each district.

votes for one able and discreet person, being a legal voter and an inhabitant of the district, to be a member of the board of aldermen for the ensuing year; and all such votes so given shall be sorted, counted, declared, and recorded, and returns thereof made to the city-clerk, in the same manner as is now provided by law for the choice of aldermen of said city. Whereupon, the same proceedings shall be had to ascertain and determine the person chosen as alderman for each district as are now provided by law in regard to the choice of aldermen. And a new election shall be ordered in any such district, in case of any failure by such district to elect an alderman as herein provided, or in case of any vacancy by death, resignation, or other cause; and each alderman so chosen shall be duly notified as is now provided by law.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 21, 1884.

[1854, 448, § 19.]

### 1884. — CHAPTER 278.

#### AN ACT IN RELATION TO NAMES OF PUBLIC WAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Names of public ways in Boston.

SECTION 1. The first section of chapter sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty, relating to names of public ways in the city of Boston, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "may" in the seventh line the words "in the discretion of the board of street commissioners of said city."

Hearing to be had.

SECT. 2. The second section of said chapter sixty-seven is hereby amended by adding after the word "board" in the third line thereof the words "after a hearing upon a public notice stating the name proposed to be given."

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 27, 1884.

[1880, 67.]

### 1884. — CHAPTER 325.

#### AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE-KEEPING OF BALLOTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Preservation of ballots.

SECTION 1. It shall be duty of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston to provide at the city hall or elsewhere within the limits of said city, a suitable safe or fire-proof vault of sufficient capacity to contain all the boxes or envelopes in which the ballots cast at the state and municipal elections are deposited; the key of said safe to be in the sole custody of the city-clerk of said city.

Order for delivery of box of ballots.

SECT. 2. No box of ballots thus deposited or held shall be delivered by the custodian of said safe, except upon the written order of a duly authorized committee on elections on part of said board of aldermen, the common council, the school committee, or a committee of the legislature.

City-clerk to receive boxes containing ballots.

SECT. 3. Said city clerk shall, in person, receive the boxes or envelopes in which said ballots may be deposited, from the person or persons whose duty it may be to deliver them to the city clerk.

SECT. 4. Whoever wilfully violates any of the provisions of this <sup>Penalty.</sup> act shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the house of correction not exceeding one year.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 8, 1884.

### 1884. — CHAPTER 327.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BUILD A PILE STRUCTURE  
IN CHARLES RIVER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may cover with a pile structure <sup>Pile structure in</sup> the parcel of flats in Boston covered by the waters of Charles river <sup>Charles river.</sup> and bounded by the new Warren bridge, the pile structure of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, and the line of the southerly side of the draw openings in said bridge and the bridge of said railroad company, and may maintain the same; all new piles for said structure required in addition to the existing piles shall be driven in such places as the board of harbor and land commissioners shall designate.

SECT. 2. Except as provided in this act chapter nineteen of the public statutes shall not apply to the structure herein authorized.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 4, 1884.

### 1885. — CHAPTER 42.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The chief justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston, when in his opinion the public business requires it, may <sup>Chief justice may request</sup> request the special justice to hold a session of said court additional <sup>special justice to hold additional sessions.</sup> to such as are now provided by law, and the clerk shall enter such request of record; and said special justice during the continuance of such request shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of the justices of said court, and shall be paid therefor by the county of Suffolk at the rate of ten dollars a day for each day's service. In case of the death, sickness, or absence of the chief justice, or his incapacity to act, the power to request the special justice to hold court as hereinbefore provided shall devolve upon the senior justice for the time being.

SECT. 2. There shall be appointed in the manner provided by law <sup>Appointment and salary of</sup> for the appointment of assistant clerks of said court a second assist- <sup>second assistant to clerk for civil business.</sup> ant to the clerk for civil business, who shall receive an annual salary of sixteen hundred dollars.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 25, 1885.

## 1885. — CHAPTER 79.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE JUSTICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE DORCHESTER DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND TO PROVIDE A CLERK FOR SAID COURT.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Salary of justice of municipal court, Dorchester district.

SECTION 1. The annual salary of the justice of the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston shall be sixteen hundred dollars.

Appointment of clerk of said court to be made.

SECT. 2. There shall be a clerk of said court, who shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of law relating to the appointment of clerks of police and district courts, who shall enter upon his duties on the first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Salary.

SECT. 3. Said clerk shall receive from the county of Suffolk an annual salary of six hundred dollars.

SECT. 4. Said clerk shall be subject to all the provisions of law applicable to clerks of police and district courts.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 16, 1885.

## 1885. — CHAPTER 83.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE SIGNING AND RECORDING OF LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Police commissioners to sign and record liquor licenses.

SECTION 1. The police commissioners, instead of the mayor and city clerk of the city of Boston, shall exercise the powers and perform the duties given to and imposed upon said mayor and city clerk by section five of chapter one hundred of the Public Statutes relating to the signing of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors; and said licenses together with all licenses as hotel keepers or common victuallers shall be recorded in the office of the said commissioners instead of the office of said city clerk.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 19, 1885.

[1885, 323.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 129.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A BRIDGE OVER CHARLES RIVER.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Width of draw in bridge between Boston and Cambridge

The first section of the one hundred and fifty-fifth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled, "An Act to authorize the cities of Boston and Cambridge to construct and maintain a bridge over Charles river," is amended so as to require that said bridge shall have a draw with a clear opening of at least thirty-six feet in width for the passage of vessels, and shall not be

required to have a draw of greater width, until the several bridges over Charles river below said bridge are required to have draws of a greater clear opening than thirty-six feet, when the draw in said bridge shall be widened so as to conform thereto.

April 3, 1885.

[1887, 282; 1890, 338.]

### 1885. — CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR CRIMINAL BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT CLERK FOR SAID COURT.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston for criminal business shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars.

Salary of clerk of municipal court for criminal business.

SECT. 2. The clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston for the transaction of criminal business may, subject to the approval of the justices of said court or a majority of them, appoint an additional assistant clerk for said court, who shall receive an annual salary of fourteen hundred dollars; all provisions of existing laws relating to the appointment, removal, payment, authority, and qualifications of the present assistant clerks of said court shall apply to said additional assistant clerk.

Appointment and salary of additional assistant clerk for criminal business.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 3, 1885.

### 1885. — CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE MUNICIPAL DEBT OF AND THE RATE OF TAXATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The taxes assessed on property in the city of Boston exclusive of the state tax and of the sums required by law to be raised on account of the city debt shall not exceed in any year nine dollars on every one thousand dollars of the average of the assessors' valuations of the taxable property therein for the preceding five years, the valuation for each year being first reduced by the amount of all abatements allowed thereon previous to the thirty-first day of December in the year preceding said assessment. Any order or appropriation requiring a larger assessment than herein first above limited shall be void.

Taxes on property not to exceed nine dollars on every thousand dollars, etc. 1887, 281.

SECT. 2. The limit of indebtedness of the city of Boston shall hereafter be two and one-half per cent. up to and until the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and thereafter shall be two per cent. on the average valuation prescribed in section one of this act, instead of three per cent. on the last preceding valuation as provided in section four of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes.

Limit of indebtedness to be two per cent. on average valuation.

SECT. 3. Any court or justice having equity jurisdiction, sitting in the county of Suffolk shall, upon the application of the mayor or of ten taxable inhabitants of the city, at all times, whether in term time or vacation, have power to issue injunctions mandatory or

Injunction, etc., to issue upon application of mayor or of ten taxable inhabitants.



otherwise, decrees, or other process against the city council or otherwise, which such court or justice may think needful to enforce the provisions of this act or to prevent the violation thereof.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 17, 1885.

[1886, 304; 1887, 101, 281, 283, 312, 394, 428; 1888, 392; 1889, 68, 254, 283, 322; 1890, 271, 355, 405, 444; 1891, 93, 206, 301, 321, 323, 324.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 196.

### AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO LICENSE SKATING RINKS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Police commissioners may license skating rinks.

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of any city except Boston, and in Boston the police commissioners, and the selectmen of any town, may grant a license to any person to establish, keep open, and maintain a skating rink to be used for the amusement of roller skating for hire, gain, or reward upon such terms, conditions, and regulations as they deem proper, subject to the provisions of sections one hundred and twenty-four to one hundred and twenty-seven inclusive, of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes: *provided, however*, that licenses may be granted at any time to continue in force until the first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six unless sooner revoked, and said officers may revoke the same at pleasure.

Penalty for maintaining, etc., skating rink without license.

SECT. 2. Whoever without such license establishes, keeps open, or maintains a skating rink, to be used for the amusement of roller skating, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars for each offence.

Marshals, sheriffs, etc., may enter skating rinks.

SECT. 3. Any marshal or his deputy, sheriff or his deputy, constable, police officer, or watchman may at any time enter into a skating rink or room connected therewith for the purpose of enforcing any law of the state; and whoever obstructs and hinders the entrance of such officer shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars.

April 29, 1885.

## 1885. — CHAPTER 201.

### AN ACT IN AID OF THE HORACE MANN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City to erect school for the deaf.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby granted perpetual right to hold, occupy and control, free of rent or charge by the Commonwealth, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon a school building to be used for the education of deaf mutes and deaf children, a parcel of land now owned by the Commonwealth, and situated on Newbury street in said city, being described as follows: — Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Newbury street eighty-four feet easterly from Exeter street; thence easterly on the southerly line of Newbury street seventy-five feet; thence southerly one hundred and twelve feet to a passageway sixteen feet wide; thence westerly on the northerly line of said passageway seventy-five feet; thence northerly one hundred and twelve feet to the southerly line of Newbury street; containing eighty-four hundred square feet; also all that

part of said passageway that lies northerly of its centre line and between the easterly and westerly lines of said lot extended. The said school building and land shall be under the care and control of the school committee of the city of Boston. This grant is made however subject to the following stipulations, namely: — The city of Boston shall, within three years from the date of the passage of this act, erect on the said parcel of land a school building suitable for the use of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, and shall thereafter maintain said school for the education of deaf mutes and deaf children who shall be sent to said school by the governor, with the approval of the board of education, or shall otherwise be lawfully sent to or received by the said school for instruction therein, and shall in respect to the erection of said building be subject to the restrictions heretofore contained in other conveyances by the Commonwealth of its land upon said Newbury street.

SECT. 2. If the city of Boston shall fail to erect the said school building within three years, or shall use said land, or any portion thereof, for any purpose foreign to the uses for which it is granted, it shall be lawful for the Commonwealth, by its proper officers and servants, to take appropriate action in the courts of the Commonwealth to the end that said parcel of land, or portion thereof, may be declared to be forfeited by the city of Boston, and the title therein be revested in the Commonwealth.

School to be erected within three years. 1888, 259.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 29, 1885.

[1888, 259.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 249.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE LAND FOR ITS IMPROVED SYSTEM OF SEWERAGE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston, for the purposes of building and maintaining the system of sewers of said city and discharging sewage therefrom, may from time to time take in fee for the city of Boston any land that they deem necessary for the said purposes on or near the line of the sewer and tunnel described in section one of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Land may be taken for building and maintaining sewerage system of city.

SECT. 2. Said board of aldermen shall within sixty days from the taking of any lands as aforesaid, otherwise than by purchase, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county in which such lands are situate a description of the lands so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of lands, with a statement of the purposes for which the same were taken, which description and statement shall be signed by the mayor.

Description of all lands taken to be recorded within sixty days and signed by mayor.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person in property by the taking of any lands as aforesaid; and if any person sustaining damages fails to agree with such city as to the amount of damages sustained, the damages shall be assessed and determined by a jury of the superior court for the county in which such lands are situate, on the written application of either party therefor, to be made within two years after the taking of such lands; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of said two years; and upon said application, after such notice as said court shall order to the adverse party, a trial may be

City to pay all damages for lands taken. Damages may be assessed by jury on application within two years from taking.

had at the bar of said court, in the same manner as other civil cases are there tried by jury; and costs shall be taxed for the prevailing party as in other civil cases.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 22, 1885.

[1889, 322.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 266.

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Mayor to appoint all officers and boards, subject to confirmation.

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of Boston shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, all officers and boards now elected by the city council or board of aldermen, or appointed by him subject to confirmation, and all whose offices may hereafter be established by the city council or board of aldermen, for such terms of service respectively, as are or may be fixed by law or ordinance; and he may remove any of said officers or members of such boards for such cause as he shall deem sufficient, and shall assign in his order for removal. No appointment made by the mayor shall be acted upon by the board of aldermen until the expiration of one week after such appointment is transmitted to said board.

Certain officers excepted from provisions of section one.

SECT. 2. The foregoing section shall not apply to the city messenger, clerk of committees of the city council, or such other clerks and attendants as may be employed by the city council or either branch thereof, or any subordinate officers in the several departments. The assistant assessors of taxes shall be appointed by the assessors of taxes, subject to confirmation by the mayor, and may be removed by the assessors for such cause as they shall deem sufficient, and shall assign in their order for removal, and the city clerk shall be chosen by the city council by concurrent vote.

Members of city council not to hold offices included in preceding sections.

SECT. 3. No member of the city council of said city shall, during the term for which he is elected, be appointed to or hold any office included under the provisions of either of the preceding sections.

Tenure of office to continue until successor is qualified.

SECT. 4. Every officer included under the provisions of either section one or two shall, unless sooner removed, continue after the expiration of his term of service to hold his office until his successor is appointed or elected and duly qualified.

Appointment and removal of subordinates, repealed by 1890, 418. 140 Mass., 443.

[SECT. 5. All officers and boards included under the provisions of section one shall appoint their respective subordinates for such terms of service respectively as are or may be fixed by law or ordinance. The said officers and boards may remove such subordinates for such cause as they may deem sufficient, and shall assign in their order for removal.]

Executive powers of city vested in mayor.

SECT. 6. The executive powers of said city, and all the executive powers now vested in the board of aldermen, as such, as surveyors of highways, county commissioners or otherwise, shall be and hereby are vested in the mayor, to be exercised through the several officers and boards of the city in their respective departments, under his general supervision and control. Such officers and boards shall, in their respective departments, make all necessary contracts for the employment of labor, the supply of materials, and the construction, alteration, and repair of all public works and buildings, and have the entire care, custody, and management of all public works, institutions, buildings, and other property, and the direction and control of all the

Officers and boards to make contracts, etc., and have care and custody of public works, etc. 142 Mass., 200.

executive and administrative business of said city. They shall be at all times accountable for the proper discharge of their duties to the mayor, as the chief executive officer, whose duty it shall be to secure the honest, efficient, and economical conduct of the entire executive and administrative business of the city, and the harmonious and concerted action of the different departments. Every contract made as aforesaid in which the amount involved exceeds two thousand dollars shall require the approval of the mayor before going into effect; and no expenditure shall be made nor liability incurred for any purpose beyond the appropriation duly made therefor.

Officers and boards to be accountable to mayor.

Contracts exceeding two thousand dollars to be approved by mayor. 1889, 320.

SECT. 7. The mayor shall, once a month or oftener, call together the heads of departments for consultation and advice upon the affairs of the city; and at such meetings and at all times they shall furnish such information as to matters under their control as the mayor may request.

Mayor to call heads of departments together for consultation.

SECT. 8. The heads of departments, and all other officers and boards having authority to expend money, shall annually furnish an estimate to the mayor of the money required for their respective departments and offices during the next financial year. The mayor shall examine such estimates, and submit the same with his recommendations thereon to the city council.

Heads of departments, etc., to furnish annual estimates to mayor.

SECT. 9. When an ordinance, order, resolution, or vote of the city council, or of either branch thereof, involving the appropriation or expenditure of money, or the raising of a tax, and including separate items or sums, is presented to the mayor of the city for his approval, he may approve some of the items or sums, and disapprove others; and in case of such disapproval the portion of the ordinance, order, resolution, or vote so approved shall be in force, in like manner as if the items or sums disapproved had never been a part thereof; and the mayor shall return a statement of the items or sums disapproved, with his objections in writing, to that branch of the city council in which the ordinance, order, resolution, or vote originated. The items or sums so disapproved shall not be in force unless passed in the manner provided in section forty-seven of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Mayor may disapprove of separate items in ordinances, etc., involving appropriations, etc.

SECT. 10. All orders, resolutions, or votes of the board of aldermen of said city which involve the exercise of any of the powers conferred by law upon the mayor and aldermen, or the board of aldermen as a separate board; and all orders, resolutions, or votes of the school committee of said city, which involve the expenditure of money, shall be presented to the mayor for his approval, and thereupon the same proceedings shall be had by the mayor and the board of aldermen, or the mayor and the school committee, as are provided in section forty-seven of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, or in section nine of this act, to be had by the mayor and a single branch of the city council; but nothing in this section contained shall affect the powers or duties of said board in relation to votes cast at elections. The mayor shall not be a member, nor preside at any of the meetings, nor appoint any of the committees of either the board of aldermen or of the school committee.

All orders, etc., to be submitted to mayor for approval.

Mayor not to be a member, or appoint committee of board of aldermen or school committee.

SECT. 11. The annual salary of the mayor of said city shall be fixed by the city council by concurrent vote at a sum not less than five thousand dollars, and he shall receive for his services no other compensation or emolument whatever.

Salary of mayor to be fixed by city council, not less than \$5,000. 1885, 361.

SECT. 12. Neither the city council nor either branch thereof, nor any member or committee thereof or of either branch thereof, nor

Neither the city council, its branches, committees, or members to take part in the executive or administrative business of city.

the board of aldermen acting in any capacity in which said board may act separately under special powers conferred upon it, nor any member or committee of said board acting in any such capacity, shall directly or indirectly take part in the employment of labor, the making of contracts, the purchase of materials or supplies, the construction, alteration or repair of any public works, buildings or other property, or the care, custody and management of the same, or in the conduct of any of the executive or administrative business of the city, or in the expenditure of public money, except such as may be necessary for the contingent and incidental expenses of the city council or of either branch thereof, nor, except as is otherwise provided in sections one and two, in the appointment or removal of any officers or subordinates for whose appointment and removal provision is hereinbefore made; but nothing in this section contained shall affect the powers or duties of the board of aldermen in relation to state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors, and to the families of those killed in the civil war.

Powers and duties of aldermen relating to state aid to soldiers, etc., not affected.

Certain ordinances, etc., annulled.

Civil service.

Tenure of office.

SECT. 13. All ordinances, rules, orders, resolutions and votes of the city council of said city and of either branch thereof, and of the board of aldermen acting in a special capacity or a separate board, are annulled so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act; and nothing herein shall affect the enforcement of the provisions of chapter three hundred and twenty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, being an act to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof, or of the rules made by the commissioners appointed thereunder; and none of the provisions of this act, except those relating to the power of removal, shall affect the tenure of office of any person now holding any office or position in said city.

May 27, 1885.

[1885, 361; 1889, 245, 297, 320, 337; 1890, 122, 355, 418; 1891, 206, 321, 323.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 309.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO LICENSE GROVES TO BE USED FOR PICNICS AND OTHER LAWFUL AMUSEMENTS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Police commissioners may license groves for picnics.

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of any city except Boston, and in Boston the police commissioners, and the selectmen of any town, may grant a license to any person to establish, let, keep open and maintain a grove to be used for picnics or other lawful gatherings and amusements, for hire, gain or reward, upon such conditions and regulations as they deem proper, subject to the provisions of sections one hundred and twenty-four, one hundred and twenty-six and one hundred and twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes.

Penalty for maintaining, etc., groves for picnics, without license.

SECT. 2. Whoever without such license shall establish, let, keep open or maintain by himself or another, a grove to be used for picnics or other amusements for hire, gain or reward, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Marshals, etc., may enter groves to enforce laws

SECT. 3. Any marshal or his deputy, sheriff or his deputy, constable, police officer or watchman, may at any time enter into a grove or any building therein for the purpose of enforcing any law of the state; and whoever obstructs or hinders the entrance of such officer shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than ten.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect in any town upon its acceptance by a majority vote at a town meeting duly warned for the purpose, and in any city upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen thereof.<sup>1</sup>

June 9, 1885.

## 1885. — CHAPTER 323.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The governor of the Commonwealth with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint from the two principal political parties three citizens of Boston who shall have been residents therein two years immediately preceding the date of their appointment, who shall constitute a board of police for said city, and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. One member of said board shall be designated by the governor as chairman and two shall constitute a quorum. Their terms of office shall be so arranged and designated at the time of appointment that the term of one member shall expire on the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, one on the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and one on the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and ninety. The full term of office, after these dates, shall be five years, and all vacancies occurring after the passage of this act shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. The members of said board may be removed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal. The board of police shall appoint a clerk, who shall be sworn, who shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices and attest all such papers and orders as said board shall direct, whose term of office shall be five years, but who may be removed by said board for such cause as it shall deem sufficient and shall express in its order of removal.

SECT. 2. The board of police shall have authority to appoint and establish and organize the police of said city of Boston, and make all needful rules and regulations for its efficiency. All the powers now vested in the board of police commissioners in said city of Boston, by the statutes of the Commonwealth or by the ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations of said city, except as otherwise hereby provided, are hereby conferred upon and vested in said board of police.

SECT. 3. The members of the Boston police force in office when the said board of police are first appointed shall continue to hold their several offices until removed or placed on the retired list by the said board; and the present rules and regulations of the board of aldermen for the government of the police shall continue in force until otherwise ordered by said board of police. All police officers appointed by said board of police hereby created shall have and exercise within the limits of said city all the common law and statutory powers of constables, except the service of civil process, and shall have all the powers given to the police as watchmen by the statutes of the Commonwealth, the laws relating to said city or by any ordinances thereof.

SECT. 4. The annual salary of the chairman of said board of police shall be four thousand five hundred dollars, that of the other

To take effect in cities upon acceptance by board of aldermen.

Governor to appoint three citizens of Boston to constitute board of police.  
148 Mass., 285.  
148 Mass., 375.

Term of office.

Members may be removed by governor, with advice, etc., of council.

Board to appoint a clerk; duties of.

Powers of the board of police.  
142 Mass., 90.  
150 Mass., 491.

Present members, etc., to continue until, etc.

Powers of police officers appointed by board.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted, Aug. 6, 1885.

**Salaries.**

members four thousand dollars, of the clerk two thousand five hundred dollars, which shall be paid monthly from the treasury of the city of Boston. Said officers shall not engage in any other business. The board of police with the approval of the governor and council shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its duties, the rent of which shall be paid by the city of Boston. The said city of Boston shall provide all such suitable accommodations for the police of said city as said board shall require, and all buildings and property used by said police shall be under the control of said board. All expense for the maintenance of buildings, the pay of the police, and all incidental expenses incurred in the administration of the said police shall be paid by the city of Boston upon the requisition of said board.

City to provide accommodations, and pay all expense for maintenance, etc., of police.

Board not to appoint larger number of patrolmen than now authorized, nor to increase or diminish pay of police, without concurrent action of city.

Mayor may assume control of police, in case of tumult, etc.

Board to report quarterly to mayor, annually to governor. Records to be open to mayor and governor.

1884, 320, not affected.

SECT. 5. Said board of police shall not appoint any larger number of patrolmen than the present police commissioners of said city are now authorized to appoint except as authorized by said city, nor shall the pay of the police be increased or diminished except by the concurrent action of said city and said board of police.

SECT. 6. In case of tumult, riot or violent disturbance of public order, the mayor of said city shall have, as the exigency in his judgment may require, the right to assume control for the time being of the police of said city; but before assuming such control he shall issue his proclamation to that effect, and it shall be the duty of the board of police to execute all orders promulgated by him for the suppression of such tumult and the restoration of such order.

SECT. 7. The board of police shall make a detailed report of its doings quarterly to the mayor of said city, and annually to the governor of the Commonwealth, in the month of December. The records of said board of police shall at all times be open to the inspection of the governor of the Commonwealth, the mayor of said city, or to such persons as may be designated by them.

SECT. 8. Nothing herein shall affect the enforcement of the provisions of chapter three hundred and twenty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, being an act to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof, or of the rules made by the commissioners appointed thereunder.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 12, 1885.

[1854, 448; 1878, 244; 1879, 39, 59, 97; 1882, 267; 1883, 14; 1885, 83, 196, 309; 1886, 259; 1887, 135, 177, 178, 234, 325; 1888, 402; 1889, 57, 147, 419, 423, 450; 1891, 356.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 360.

### AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO AN ACT FOR THE LAYING OUT OF PUBLIC PARKS IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Park commissioners may make excavation, filling, etc., for public park near Dorchester Point.

SECTION 1. The board of park commissioners of the city of Boston, subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes excepting so much of section sixteen of said chapter as requires the payment into the treasury of compensation for the rights and privileges hereby granted in land of the Commonwealth, may make such excavation and filling, and erect and maintain such structures, in and over the area of tide water, at or near Dorchester Point in South Boston, which lies south of the northerly line of East First street extended easterly to Castle island, and east of the westerly line of Q Street extended southerly into Old Harbor, as the said

board may deem necessary or desirable for the purposes of a public park in accordance with the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

SECT. 2. All lands of the Commonwealth which are occupied or enclosed under the provisions of this act, shall be appropriated to and used solely for the purposes of a public park. Lands of Commonwealth to be used solely for public park.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 19, 1885.

[1887, 427; 1889, 438.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 361.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section eleven of chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five shall be held to authorize the city council of the city of Boston to increase the salary of the mayor of said city from the twenty-sixth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, anything contained in any other act to the contrary notwithstanding. City council authorized to increase salary of mayor from certain date.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on the twenty-sixth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

June 19, 1885.

## 1885. — CHAPTER 374.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. There shall be in the city of Boston a department, to be called the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; which shall be furnished, at the expense of the city, with office room and such supplies for the transaction of its business as the city council may provide. The compensation of its officers shall be provided for by said city by ordinance. Department for the Inspection of Buildings established. 140 Mass., pp. 594, 596.

SECT. 2. The chief officer of said department shall be called the inspector of buildings, and shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the board of aldermen. He shall hold office for the term of three years, or until his successor shall be appointed and confirmed; but may be removed by the mayor for malfeasance, incapacity or neglect of duty. Mayor to appoint chief officer for three years and may remove him.

SECT. 3. The other officers of said department shall consist of a clerk, and such number of assistant inspectors as the city council may, from time to time, by ordinance determine; all of whom shall be appointed by the inspector, with the approval of the mayor, and shall hold office during good behavior; but may be removed by the inspector, with the approval of the mayor, for malfeasance, incapacity or neglect of duty. Other officers provided for to be appointed and removed by inspector.

SECT. 4. The inspector and assistant inspectors of the department shall be able and experienced architects, builders or mechanics, and shall not be employed or engaged in any other business, or be interested in any contract for building or for furnishing materials. Inspector and assistants to be able and experienced architects, etc.

SECT. 5. All said officers may, as far as necessary for the performance of their duties, enter any building or premises in the city of Boston. Officers may enter buildings, etc.



Duties of  
inspector.

SECT. 6. The inspector shall keep a record of the business of said department; submit to the city council a yearly report of such business; ascertain all facts and make all returns which shall be required by law relative to steam boilers; and enter upon the premises wherein any fire has occurred, if necessary, in order to investigate the origin of the fire; may require plans and specifications of any proposed erection or alteration of any building; and shall grant permits for such erection or alteration, when in conformity with the requirements of this act.

Referees may  
be chosen, if  
owners object  
to order, etc., of  
inspector, their  
decision to be  
final.

SECT. 7. Should the owner of any building object to any order or decision of said inspector, on a matter left by this act to his approval or control, and choose a referee to serve as hereinafter provided, within three days after being notified of such order or decision, the matter shall be referred to three referees, who shall be either architects or master builders, one chosen by the inspector, one by the owner, and a third by these two; and the decision thereon in writing of these referees, or a majority of them, shall be final and conclusive.

Clerk to have  
supervision,  
etc., of other  
officers.

SECT. 8. The clerk shall, under the direction of the inspector, have supervision and direction of the other officers and employees of the department.

Duties of assist-  
ant inspectors.

SECT. 9. The assistant inspectors of buildings shall attend all fires occurring in the districts to which they are respectively assigned, and report to the chief or assistant engineer of the fire department, present, all information they may have relative to the construction and condition of the premises on fire, and also any such information relating to the adjoining buildings.

Inspectors to  
examine build-  
ings, and record  
violations of  
this act.

SECT. 10. The inspector, or his assistants, shall examine all buildings in the course of erection or alteration, as often as practicable, and make a record of all violations of this act, with the street and number where such violations are found, the names of the owner, architect, and master mechanics, and all other matters relative thereto.

To examine  
dangerous  
buildings, etc.,  
and make  
records of same.

SECT. 11. The inspector, or his assistants, shall examine all buildings reported dangerous, or damaged by fire or accident, and make a record of such examinations, including the nature and amount of such damage, with the name of the street and number of the building, the names of owner and occupant and for what purpose occupied, and, in case of fire, the probable origin thereof; examine all buildings for which applications have been made to raise, enlarge, alter, or build upon, and make a record of the same. Said records shall always be open to the inspection of the engineers of the fire department or any officer of the city.

Inspector may  
appoint deputy  
to act in his  
absence.

SECT. 12. In the absence of the inspector, one of the assistant inspectors may be appointed by him to act as his deputy, who shall exercise all the powers of the inspector.

No work to be  
done without  
permit.

SECT. 13. No work except necessary repairs shall be done upon any wall, structure, or building in said Boston without a permit from said inspector of buildings, nor except in conformity with the provisions of this act.

Inspector to  
designate lowest  
grade basement.

SECT. 14. The inspector of buildings shall designate, in every permit for the erection of a new building, the lowest grade at which the floor of the basement story of said building shall be laid.

Inspector to  
inspect plans,  
etc., before is-  
suing permit.  
1889, 450.

SECT. 15. The said inspector shall not give a permit for the erection of any building until he has carefully inspected the plans and specifications thereof, ascertained that the building has sufficient strength, and that the means of ingress and egress are sufficient. A copy

of plans and specifications of every public building shall be deposited in the office of the inspector.

SECT. 16. Every wall, structure, and building hereafter built or altered in said city shall conform to the provisions of this act, so far as they are applicable, except bridges, quays, wharves, and buildings belonging to the government of the United States or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECT. 17. In this act the following terms shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them:—

“Alteration” means any change or addition except necessary repairs in, to, or upon any building, affecting an external, party, or partition wall, chimney, floor, or stairway, and “to alter” means to make such change or addition.

“Brick building” means a building the walls of which are built of brick, stone, iron, or other substantial and incombustible materials.

“Cellar” means a basement or lower story of any building of which one-half or more of the height from the floor to the ceiling is below the level of the street adjoining.

“External wall” means every outer wall or vertical enclosure of a building other than a party wall.

“Foundation” means that portion of a wall below the level of the street curb, and where the wall is not on a street, that portion of the wall below the level of the highest ground next to the wall.

“Inspector” means the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston.

“Lodging house” means a building in which persons are temporarily accommodated with sleeping apartments, and includes hotels.

“Partition wall” means any interior wall of masonry in a building.

“Party wall” means every wall used, or built in order to be used, as a separation of two or more buildings.

“Public building” means every building used as a church, chapel, or other place of worship; also every building used as a college, school, public hall, hospital, theatre, public concert room, public ball room, public lecture room, or for any public assemblage.

“Tenement house” means a building which, or any portion of which, is to be occupied, or is occupied, as a dwelling by more than three families living independently of one another, and doing their cooking upon the premises; or by more than two families above the second floor so living and cooking.

“Wooden building” means a wooden or frame building.

SECT. 18. The height of a wall means the height from the mean grade of the sidewalk or adjoining ground to the highest point of the wall.

SECT. 19. The thickness of a wall means the minimum thickness of such wall.

SECT. 20. The city council of said city may by ordinance make such requirements, in addition to those contained in this act, as they may deem expedient in relation to the erection and alteration of wooden buildings outside the building limits.

SECT. 21. The city may from time to time, by ordinance, extend and establish building limits in said city, and within those limits every building built after such establishment shall be of brick, stone, iron, or other substantial and incombustible material, and only the following wooden buildings shall be allowed, viz.: Sheds not exceeding twenty-seven feet in height, on wharves, to be used for any lawful purpose; sheds of same height, in all parts of said limits, to be used for market purposes or to facilitate the building of authorized

Walls, etc., hereafter erected, to conform to this act, except, etc.

Certain terms defined.

Height of a wall.

Thickness.

City council may make additional requirements.

Building limits.

- buildings; and elevators of any height for the storage of coal and grain; all external parts of which sheds and elevators shall be covered with incombustible material, and the materials used, the mode of construction and the location shall be approved by the inspector.
- Alteration of wooden building.**     **SECT. 22.** Any wooden building within said limits may be altered or repaired in any manner approved by the inspector, provided neither its area nor height is increased.
- Moving wooden buildings.**     **SECT. 23.** No wooden building within or without the building limits shall be moved to any lot within said limits where it would be in violation of law to build such wooden building.
- Strength of building materials.**     **SECT. 24.** In all calculations for the strength of materials to be used in any building, the proportion between the safe weight and the breaking weight shall be as one to three, for all beams, girders, and other pieces subjected to a cross strain; and as one to six for all posts, columns and other vertical support, and for all tie rods, tie beams, and other pieces subjected to a tensile strain; and the requisite dimensions of each piece of material are to be ascertained by computation by the rules given by the best authorities, using for constants in the rules only such numbers as have been deduced from experiments on materials of like kind with that proposed to be used. All mortar and cement shall be of the best quality for the purposes for which they are applied, and shall be properly mixed.
- Alterations to be approved by inspector.**     **SECT. 25.** No building now or hereafter built shall be altered until it has been examined and approved by the inspector as being in a good and safe condition to be altered as proposed, and the alteration so made shall conform to the provisions of this act.
- Alteration of walls.**     **SECT. 26.** No wall of any building now erected, or hereafter to be built or erected, shall be cut off or altered, without a permit so to do having been first obtained from the inspector. Every temporary support placed under any structure, wall, girder, beam, or column during the erection, finishing, altering, or repairing of any building, or part thereof, shall be equal in strength to the permanent support required for such construction. And the walls and roof of every building shall be strongly braced from the beams of each story until all the bearing parts of the construction are completed, unless omitted by consent of inspector.
- Temporary supports.**
- Wall to be braced.**
- Bay-windows over public squares, etc.**     **SECT. 27.** No bay-window or other structure shall be placed upon any building so as to project over any public way or square without the permission of the board of aldermen given after due notice and hearing, and then only in such manner as shall be approved by the inspector.
- Thickness of walls, etc., subject to approval of inspector.**     **SECT. 28.** In the erection or alteration of any building the material of which, in whole or in part, is other than brick, stone, or wood, the thickness of walls, of such material and the method of construction shall be such as the inspector shall approve.
- Buildings to have party-walls of brick, etc.**     **SECT. 29.** All buildings in said city, to be used for tenement houses or lodging houses, and all buildings for any purpose within the building limits, except as provided in sections twenty and twenty-one, shall have external and party walls of brick, stone, iron, or other substantial and incombustible material, and shall be subject to all the requirements for a "brick building," except as otherwise expressly stated.
- Foundations of brick buildings.**     **SECT. 30.** Every brick building hereafter built in said city shall be built upon a foundation resting not less than four feet below the surface exposed to frost, upon the solid ground, or levelled surfaces of solid rock, or upon piles, concrete, or other solid substructure.
- SECT. 31.** Whenever any excavation in the city of Boston is to be carried to the depth of more than ten feet below the grade of

street, and there shall be any wall or structure wholly or partly on adjoining land, or near the intended excavation, the party causing such excavation to be made, if afforded the necessary permission to enter on such adjoining land, shall at all times, from the commencement until the completion of such excavation, at his own expense, preserve such wall or structure from injury, and so support the same by proper foundations that it shall remain as stable as before the excavation was commenced. Should the person making such excavation fail to protect said wall or structure from injury for twenty-four hours after being notified by the inspector of buildings so to do, the inspector may enter upon said premises and employ such labor and furnish such materials and take such steps as in his judgment may be necessary to make said wall or structure safe and secure; and any person or persons doing said work, or any part thereof, by the order and direction of the inspector, may bring and maintain an action against the party causing such excavation to be made for the value of such work. The party causing such excavation to be made may recover compensation from the adjoining owner, in case such adjoining owner should at any time thereafter make any use of said foundations below said ten feet below grade.

Persons making excavations more than ten feet below grade, to protect adjoining structures.

SECT. 32. Piles driven for a wall to rest upon shall be not less than five inches in diameter at the smallest end, and shall be spaced not more than three feet on centres, in the direction of the length of the wall, and nearer if required by the inspector; they shall be driven to a solid bearing, to be ascertained by boring, at the expense of the owner, when required by the inspector. The inspector shall determine the grade at which piles shall be cut off.

Piles for support of walls, size, etc.

SECT. 33. Walls not exceeding twenty feet in height, where piling is necessary, may rest on a single row of piles, if deemed advisable by the inspector; walls exceeding twenty feet in height shall rest on not less than two rows of piles. Extra piles shall be driven where required by the inspector.

Walls over twenty feet in height.

SECT. 34. For brick buildings exceeding thirty-five feet in height, there shall be under all foundation walls, piers, columns, posts, and pillars resting on the earth, a footing or base course of stone or concrete, which, if under a foundation wall, shall be not less than twelve inches wider than the bottom width of said wall, and not less than twelve inches thick; and if under piers, columns, posts, and pillars, shall be of stone, and not less than twelve inches wider on all sides than the bottom area of said piers, columns, posts, and pillars, and shall be not less than two feet by three feet in area by twelve inches in thickness, and when laid, to be thoroughly bedded in cement. If the walls rest on isolated piers, then there must be under such piers, footings, at least sixteen inches thick, thoroughly bedded in cement. All piles shall be capped with block granite levellers, each stone to have a firm bearing on at least one pile in each row.

Foundation walls, etc., of brick buildings over thirty-five feet in height to have footings, etc.

SECT. 35. Foundation walls of brick buildings, other than dwelling, tenement, or lodging houses, shall be constructed of block stone, laid in horizontal courses, with good bed and build surfaces, wedged with slatestone and laid in cement mortar, and eight inches thicker than the external or party wall immediately above and over the same; if said foundation is to be set to a depth of more than fifteen feet below the grade of the street, for each and every five feet additional depth greater than fifteen feet below the grade of street it shall be increased four inches in thickness. Foundations of such buildings not more than forty feet in height may be built of rubble work laid in cement and sand mortar, if the thickness of the

Foundation walls of brick buildings, other than dwellings, etc.

foundation walls is one-fourth greater than given for block stone, and laid as specified in section thirty-six. In case of severe thrust or pressure on said walls, from any cause, there shall be such extra strengthening of said walls by thickening or by buttresses, or both, as the inspector may approve.

Foundation walls of brick buildings, for dwelling, tenement or lodging houses.

SECT. 36. Foundation walls of brick buildings to be used as dwelling, tenement, or lodging houses, not exceeding thirty-five feet in height, if laid with block stone in horizontal courses, shall be not less than eighteen inches thick, or if in brick laid in cement, shall be not less than sixteen inches thick; exceeding thirty-five and not exceeding sixty feet in height, the foundations shall be not less than twenty-four inches thick, if laid in block stone in horizontal courses; if in brick laid in cement not less than twenty inches thick; for every fifteen feet additional height the thickness of foundations shall be increased four inches; if the walls do not exceed seventy-five feet in height the foundation walls may be built of uncoursed rubble work laid in cement mortar; but in all cases the thickness shall be one-fourth greater than that given for block stone, and the work shall be thoroughly bonded, and at least two-thirds of the bulk of the wall shall be through stones, and no round or bowlder stones shall be used: *provided*, that when such walls are laid on piles the lower course shall be block stone, not less than sixteen inches in height.

Walls to be of well shaped merchantable bricks, etc.

SECT. 37. All brick walls and buttresses shall be of merchantable, well shaped bricks, well laid and bedded, with well filled joints, in lime or cement mortar, and well flushed up at every course with mortar; and all brick used during the warm months shall be well wet at the time they are laid, and shall be dry at the time they are laid during the cold months.

Walls of brick, etc., to be thoroughly bonded, etc.

SECT. 38. All walls of brick, stone, or other similar material shall be thoroughly and practically bonded and tied, and solidly put together; shall be built to a line, plumb and straight, and laid with mortar or cement, and all supports of the same shall be of iron, brick, or stone, and of sufficient size and strength to safely support the superstructure.

Vaulted walls.

SECT. 39. Vaulted walls of the same thickness, independent of withes, may be used instead of solid walls, and the walls on either side of air space shall be not less than eight inches thick, and tied together perpendicularly with continuous withes of hard burned brick, of good quality, or other approved material, which shall be not more than three feet apart, and the air space shall be smoothly plastered.

Stone cornice.

SECT. 40. Where a wall is finished with a stone cornice, the greatest weight of material of such cornice shall be on the inside of the face of the wall, so that the cornice shall firmly balance upon the wall.

Every ninth course to be bonded.

SECT. 41. Every ninth course at least of a brick wall shall be a heading or bonding course, except where walls are faced with face brick, in which every ninth course shall be bonded with Flemish headers or by cutting the course of the face brick and putting in diagonal headers behind the same.

Party-walls to be built through and at least twelve inches above roof.

SECT. 42. Every party-wall shall be built through, and at least twelve inches above or distant from the roof boarding, at every part of the roof; shall be entirely covered with metal securely fastened, and corbelled to the outer edge of all projections; or a gutter stone of suitable dimensions and properly balanced may be inserted in place of the corbelling. But where the walls extend thirty-six inches above the adjoining building, parapet walls may be omitted.

SECT. 43. All roof or floor timbers entering the same party-wall

from opposite sides shall have at least four inches solid brickwork between the ends of said timbers. Brickwork between timbers.

SECT. 44. External walls of brick buildings to be used as dwelling, tenement and lodging house, not more than twenty feet in width and thirty feet in height, and not exceeding forty feet in depth, may have eight inch walls; not exceeding sixty feet, shall be not less than twelve inches thick the entire height; exceeding sixty feet, and not exceeding seventy feet in height, shall be sixteen inches thick to a height of twenty feet, or the top of the second floor, and twelve inches the remaining height; exceeding seventy feet, and not exceeding eighty feet in height, shall be twenty inches thick to the top of the second floor, and sixteen inches thick to the top of the upper floor, and twelve inches the remaining height, if the upper story is not more than ten feet in height; exceeding eighty feet, and not exceeding one hundred feet in height, shall be twenty-four inches to the second floor, and sixteen inches thick the remaining height; exceeding one hundred feet in height, the additional thickness shall be determined by the inspector. External walls of brick buildings, used as dwelling houses, etc.

SECT. 45. Brick buildings to be used as other than dwelling, tenement, or lodging houses, shall have external walls not exceeding forty feet in height, not less than sixteen inches thick to the top of the second floor, and not less than twelve inches thick the remaining height; exceeding forty feet, and not exceeding sixty feet in height, twenty inches thick to the top of the second floor, and sixteen inches thick to the top of the upper floor, and twelve inches thick the remaining height; exceeding sixty feet, and not exceeding eighty feet, twenty inches thick to the top of the third floor, and sixteen inches thick to the top of the upper floor, and twelve inches thick the remaining height; exceeding eighty feet, and not exceeding one hundred feet in height, twenty-four inches to the top of the first floor, twenty inches to the top of the third floor, and sixteen inches thick the remaining height; exceeding one hundred feet in height, shall be of such additional thickness as shall be determined by the inspector. External walls of brick buildings, used as other than dwelling houses, etc.

SECT. 46. The external walls of brick buildings not exceeding thirty-five feet in height and not exceeding two thousand superficial feet, to be used for stables or light mechanical purposes, may be twelve inches thick. External walls of brick buildings, used as stables, etc.

SECT. 47. Recesses and openings may be made in external walls provided that the backs of such recesses are not less than twelve inches in thickness, and that the areas of such recesses and openings do not, taken together, exceed one-half of the whole area of the wall in which they are made. This restriction shall not apply to street fronts properly constructed of iron or iron and masonry. Recesses, etc., in external walls.

SECT. 48. If the owner shall elect, the amount of material herein specified for external walls in sections forty-four and forty-five may be used either in piers or buttresses, provided the external walls between said piers and buttresses shall not be less than twelve inches thick in buildings less than fifty feet in height; if in excess of fifty feet, and not over one hundred feet in height, the external walls between said piers and buttresses shall be not less than sixteen inches thick. No external wall between the window caps and top of floors at each story shall be of less thickness than that prescribed for external walls in sections forty-four and forty-five. Owner may use material specified for external walls in piers or buttresses.

SECT. 49. In all brick buildings over twenty-five feet in width, not having either brick partition walls, or girders supported by columns running from front to rear, and the entire height of the building, the external and party walls shall be increased four inches Buildings over twenty-five feet in width without brick partition walls.

in thickness for every additional twenty-five feet in the width of said building.

Buildings exceeding eighty feet in height to be of incombustible material.

SECT. 50. No building hereafter erected, except churches and grain elevators, shall exceed a height greater than eighty feet to the highest point from the level of the sidewalk, exclusive of chimneys and party-walls above the roof, unless constructed throughout of incombustible material, excepting interior finish.

Party-walls to be of same thickness as external walls.

SECT. 51. Party-walls of brick buildings to be used for dwelling, tenement, or lodging houses, shall be of the same thickness for different heights as external walls of such buildings, but in no case less than twelve inches thick, except as provided in section forty-four.

Party-walls of buildings other than dwelling, etc., houses.

SECT. 52. Party-walls of brick buildings to be used for other purposes than dwelling, tenement, or lodging houses, shall, when not exceeding forty feet in height, be sixteen inches thick to top of second floor, and twelve inches above; exceeding forty feet, and not exceeding sixty-five feet in height, twenty inches to the top of second floor, and sixteen inches above; exceeding sixty-five feet, and not exceeding eighty feet in height, twenty-four inches to the top of the first floor, twenty inches to the top of the third floor, and sixteen inches above; exceeding eighty, and not exceeding one hundred feet in height, twenty-four inches to the top of the third floor, twenty inches to the top of fifth floor, and sixteen inches above.

Flues, etc., in party-walls to have not less than eight inch thickness at the back.

SECT. 53. No continuous vertical recess, chase, or flue shall be made in any party-wall so deep that it will leave the thickness at the back less than eight inches at any point, and no recess of any kind shall be made in any eight inch wall. No horizontal recess shall be made in any wall, except by a special permit from the inspector. No continuous vertical recess, other than flues, in stacks, shall be nearer than seven feet to any other recess.

Partition walls of brick buildings over thirty feet in width.

SECT. 54. All brick buildings to be used as dwelling, tenement, or lodging houses, in excess of thirty feet in width shall have brick partition walls, not less than twelve inches thick, on which the floor-beams shall rest, and said walls shall not be more than twenty-five feet apart.

Brick buildings over thirty feet in width to have partition walls.

SECT. 55. Every brick building hereafter erected, more than thirty feet in width, except dwelling, tenement, or lodging houses, public buildings, railroad stations, and stables, shall have one or more brick or stone partition walls running from front to rear, and carried up to the full height of the building; said wall or walls may be four inches less in thickness than is called for by the provisions relating to the thickness of external walls for a brick building, to be used for the same purpose, unless the wall is used for a floor-bearing wall, which shall in no case be less than twelve inches; these walls shall be so located that the space between any two of the floor-bearing walls of the building shall not be over twenty-five feet.

Girders, etc., as substitute for partition walls in certain buildings.

SECT. 56. Girders or iron beams and columns may be substituted for partition walls in buildings not more than one hundred feet in width, and shall be made of sufficient strength to bear safely the weight which they are intended to support in addition to the weight of material employed in their construction; but where wooden columns or wooden girders are used the columns shall not be farther apart than twelve feet.

Facing of walls to be securely tied.

SECT. 57. Walls may be made with a facing of stone or other approved material securely tied to a backing of not less than eight inches of hard brickwork laid in mortar, by means of metal clamps; but the thickness of facing and backing, taken together, shall not be less than the thickness required for a brick wall of the same height.

SECT. 58. No timber shall be used in any wall of any brick building except arch forms for interior arched openings. Timber, use of, in brick buildings.

SECT. 59. All lintels used to support walls or other weights over openings, shall be of sufficient strength and bearing to carry the superimposed weights, and iron beams or lintels shall, when supported at the end by brick walls or brick piers, rest upon an iron plate at least two inches thick, the full size of the bearing, and where beams are not over six feet in length the plates may be omitted. All arches not having sufficient piers or abutments to resist the thrust of the superimposed loads shall have proper and sufficient iron ties. Lintels, strength of.

SECT. 60. No side wall of a brick building shall be carried up in advance of the rear wall. Side walls of brick buildings.

SECT. 61. All walls of a brick building meeting at an angle shall be anchored to each other, every ten feet in their height by tie anchors, made of at least one and a quarter inch by three-eighths of an inch wrought iron, which shall be securely built into the side or partition walls not less than thirty-six inches; and into the front and rear walls at least one-half the thickness of the front and rear walls. Walls of brick buildings.

SECT. 62. All walls of a brick building on which the end of beams rest, shall be anchored at each tier of beams, at intervals of not more than ten feet apart, with good, strong wrought-iron anchors, at least one-half inch by one and one-half inch, well built into the walls and fastened at the top of the beams; and, where the beams are supported by girders, the ends of the beams resting on the girders shall be butted together, end to end, and strapped by wrought-iron straps or tie-irons, at the same distances apart, and in the same beams as the wall anchors, and shall be well fastened. Walls of brick buildings on which beams rest, to be anchored.

SECT. 63. No opening or doorway shall be cut through a party-wall of a brick building without a permit from the inspector; and every such doorway shall have top, bottom, and sides of stone, brick, or iron; shall be closed by two sets of wrought-iron or metal-covered doors (separated by the thickness of the wall) hung to rabbeted iron frames, or to wooden frames entirely covered with metal, or to iron hinges in brick or stone rabbets; shall not exceed ten feet in height by eight feet in width; and any opening other than a doorway shall be protected in a manner satisfactory to the inspector. Doorway, etc., through party-wall not to be made without permit.

SECT. 64. All cornices other than brick on brick buildings shall be secured to the walls with iron anchors, independent of any wood-work; the walls shall be carried up to the boarding of the roof, and where the cornice projects above the roof the wall shall be carried up to the top of the cornice and covered with metal, like parapet walls. All exterior cornices or gutters, more than forty-five feet above the level of the sidewalk, hereafter replaced, shall be constructed of or covered with some incombustible material. Cornices to be anchored.

SECT. 65. All piers shall be built of the best quality of good, well burnt hard brick, laid in cement and sand mortar, and well wet when laid in warm weather. Piers.

SECT. 66. Brick piers under lintels, girders, or columns of brick buildings shall have a cap-iron at least two inches thick, the full size of the pier. Brick piers under lintels.

SECT. 67. Brick piers and buttresses shall be bonded with through courses, levelled and bedded, each course, and where their foundations rest upon piles, a sufficient number shall be driven to insure a proper support. Brick piers and buttresses to be bonded.

SECT. 68. Every metal column in a brick building shall rest on an iron plate of not less thickness than two inches. Wooden columns supporting girders and floors in such buildings shall set on inch and a half iron plates with sockets or counter sinkages. Metal column to rest on iron plate.



Metal columns  
placed one on  
top of the other.

SECT. 69. Metal columns placed one on top of the other shall have a plate at the top of each column, with projections on both sides to fit into cap and base of columns, to prevent slipping, and all columns shall have holes bored, where directed by the inspector, into and through the shell at right angles to the shaft, so as to show the thickness of shell. All bearing parts of columns and plates shall be turned or planed to true surfaces.

Chimneys.

SECT. 70. All chimneys shall hereafter be built of brick, stone, or other incombustible material; shall be plastered on the outside below the roof after having been inspected, and shall have a footing of masonry, or iron supported by iron, or corbels of brick or stone. No chimney shall be hung to an eight-inch wall, or bear or rest upon wood. No chimney corbelled from a wall shall project more than the thickness of the wall.

Brick flues to be  
plastered  
inside.

SECT. 71. All brick flues shall hereafter be built of merchantable brick, thoroughly slushed and flush jointed, be smoothly plastered inside with mortar, from top to bottom below the roofing; be securely built into the brickwork of the walls to which they are hung; shall be topped out at least four feet above the highest part of roof with brick or stone, and the topping out shall not have more than two inches projection, unless covered by a cap of approved incombustible material, properly secured; and in no case shall a nail be driven into the masonry of any flue.

Shell of flues to  
be of brick-  
work.

SECT. 72. The shell of all flues for brick ranges, boilers, furnaces, and ovens shall hereafter be of brickwork, eight inches thick, or its equivalent, to a height of twenty-five feet above such ranges, boilers, furnaces, or ovens.

Ranges, etc., to  
have outside of  
flue exposed.

SECT. 73. Ranges or boilers shall have the outside of the flue to the same exposed without covering, or if plastered shall be plastered on the outside directly upon the bricks, up to the ceiling of the room, and no woodwork shall be placed on the outside of the same.

Floor-timbers,  
etc., distance  
from chimney  
flue, etc.

SECT. 74. All floor-timbers, headers, and trimmers of every brick building hereafter erected or altered, in which a chimney is to be built in a brick wall, shall be placed distant at least two inches from the outside of every chimney flue, and the space between such timbers and the brickwork of chimney shall be closed by a proper fire-stop of incombustible material.

Hearths, sup-  
ports of.

SECT. 75. All hearths shall be supported by trimmer arches of brick or stone; or be of single stones at least six inches thick and supported entirely by iron beams, one end of which shall be securely built into masonry of chimney or adjoining wall. The brick jambs of every fireplace, range, or grate opening, must be at least eight inches wide each, and the backs of such openings must be at least eight inches thick to at least two feet above such openings. All such hearths and supports shall be at least twelve inches longer than the width of such openings, and at least eighteen inches wide in front of the chimney breast. The brickwork over all fireplace and grate openings shall be supported by proper iron bars or brick or stone arches.

Inspector to  
notify owner of  
dangerous  
chimneys, etc.

SECT. 76. If any chimney, flue, or heating apparatus on any premises shall, in the opinion of the inspector, endanger the premises, the inspector shall at once notify in writing the owner or agent of said premises. If such owner or agent fail for a period of forty-

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eight hours after the service of said notice upon him to make such chimney, flue, or heating apparatus safe, he shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for every day's continuance thereof, to be paid into the treasury of said city.

SECT. 77. Every smoke-pipe in a building entering a chimney flue shall be at least twelve inches from every wooden floor, ceiling, or partition; shall be guarded by a soapstone ring not less than four inches in thickness, extending through the partition, or by a double metal collar, with an air space of not less than four inches around the same when running through any stud or wooden partition; and no smoke-pipe shall project through any external wall or window.

Smoke-pipes in buildings.

SECT. 78. The smoke-pipe of every furnace shall be kept at least one foot distant from all beams and ceilings not protected by a shield of tin plate at least two inches distant from said beams or ceiling; and no smoke-pipe shall be placed nearer than twelve inches to any beam or ceiling, unless the beam and ceiling are plastered, in which case the pipe may be kept within six inches of the plastering, if protected by the above described shield; and the top of all heating furnaces set in brick shall be covered with brick, supported by iron bars, and so constructed as to be perfectly tight; said covering to be in addition to and not less than six inches from the ordinary covering to the hot-air chamber.

Smoke-pipes of furnaces, distance from beams, etc.

SECT. 79. No furnace, and no range set in masonry shall hereafter be placed or its location changed in any building except as the inspector shall approve.

Furnace, etc., location not to be changed except.

SECT. 80. The top of every heating furnace not set in brick shall be kept at least six inches below the beams or ceiling, with a shield of tin plate, made light, suspended not less than two inches below the said beams or ceiling, and extending one foot beyond the top of the furnace on all sides. If the ceiling over a furnace is plastered the top of the brickwork may be kept within six inches of the ceiling.

Heating furnace.

SECT. 81. All hot-air register boxes hereafter placed in the floors or partitions of buildings shall be set in soapstone borders not less than two inches in width, firmly set in plaster-of-Paris or gauged mortar, or such other protection as shall in the judgment of the inspector be equivalent to soapstone; shall be made of tin plate with a flange on the top to fit the groove in the soapstone, and shall have an open space of one inch on all sides, extending from the under side of the ceiling, below the register, to the soapstone in the floor or partition; the outside of said space covered with a casing of tin plate, tight on all sides, and extending from the under side of the aforesaid ceiling up to and turn under the said soapstone; register boxes of fifteen by twenty-five inches or more shall have a space of two inches.

Hot air register boxes.

SECT. 82. No woodwork shall hereafter be placed nearer than one inch to any tin or other metal pipe, to be used to convey heated air or steam in any building, unless protected in a manner satisfactory to the inspector, and such woodwork shall be protected by a soapstone or earthen ring or tube, or a metal casing.

Protection of woodwork from hot pipes.

SECT. 83. Every building in which a steam-boiler of ten or more horse-power is placed shall have the space on the floor allotted for said boiler enclosed in incombustible material satisfactory to the inspector, and shall be so arranged that all openings between the said boiler-room and the other parts of the building in which it is placed shall be protected by iron or metal covered doors, which shall be securely closed at the close of each day.

Steam-boiler of ten horse power to be enclosed in incombustible material.

SECT. 84. Upon a license being granted for the erection of a steam-boiler, engine, or furnace for melting glass, or metal, in any building, the person or persons receiving such license shall, before setting, erecting, or placing said boiler, engine, or furnace, obtain a permit therefor from the inspector, who shall prescribe such regula-

Regulations for placing or setting boiler to be prescribed by inspector.

- tion for the setting or placing thereof as the public safety may require.
- Steam-bollers, how set.** SECT. 85. No boiler to be used for steam or motive power, and no furnace for melting glass or metal, shall be placed on any floor above the cellar or basement floor, unless the same is set upon wrought-iron beams and brick arches, and in no case without a permit from the inspector. All woodwork and timbers shall be removed from the floor under the same.
- Construction of floors.** SECT. 86. All floors shall be constructed to bear a safe weight, per superficial foot, exclusive of materials, as follows: For dwellings, tenements, or lodging houses, one hundred pounds; for buildings for light mechanical purposes, and for public buildings, one hundred and fifty pounds; for storehouses, warehouses, machine-shops, armories, drill-rooms, and riding-schools, not less than two hundred and fifty pounds. These requirements shall apply to all alterations, as well as to new buildings.
- Roof and floor timbers.** SECT. 87. All timber used in the construction of floors or roofs of brick buildings shall be straight-grained and free from large and loose knots or weakening shakes.
- Headers.** SECT. 88. Every header more than four feet long, used in any building except a dwelling, shall be hung in stirrup-irons, of suitable dimensions for the size of the timbers, and securely joint bolted. All tail-beams shall be properly framed or hung to headers.
- Ends of floor-beams.** SECT. 89. The ends of all floor-beams and rafters of a brick building entering a wall shall be cut on a splay of three inches in their width.
- Position of main partitions supporting beams, etc.** SECT. 90. All main partitions supporting in any manner floor-beams or rafters of a brick building shall be placed directly over each other, shall rest on a wall or metallic girder, and shall head and foot against each other as far as practicable.
- Floor-timbers, etc., cutting for piping.** SECT. 91. No floor-timber, header, or trimmer of a brick building shall be cut into more than two inches in depth for piping, without permit from the inspector, and no cutting shall be made in any timber at a greater distance than three feet from its support.
- Roof of brick buildings to be of incombustible material.** SECT. 92. The roof of every brick building hereafter built shall be covered with incombustible roofing material, shall be constructed not more than one story in height, nor more than twenty feet in height from the upper floor of the building upon which it is placed to the highest part of said roof, unless made of incombustible material throughout.
- Brick buildings over twenty feet in height to have scuttle frames.** SECT. 93. All brick buildings, more than twenty feet in height, shall have scuttle frames not less than two by three feet in size; and covers, or bulkheads and doors, on the roof, made of or covered with some incombustible material; and every scuttle shall have a stationary step-ladder, and every bulkhead shall have stairs furnished with a sufficient guard or hand-rail, all ready for use at all times, and in a tenement-house such scuttle or bulkhead shall never be locked, but may be fastened by a hook on the inside.
- Exterior of brick buildings over forty-five feet in height.** SECT. 94. All the exterior parts of every brick building hereafter erected, which are more than forty-five feet above the level of the sidewalk, shall be made of or covered with incombustible material.
- Brick buildings for warehouses, etc., over forty-five feet in height, to have iron shutters.** SECT. 95. All brick buildings hereafter built to be used for warehouses, stores, storehouses, or manufactories more than forty-five feet in height, shall have doors or shutters made of or covered with fire-proof material on every window and entrance which does not open on a street more than twenty feet in width; and when such shutters or doors cannot be put on the outside of such door or window, they shall be put on the inside, and be hung upon an iron frame independ-

ent of the woodwork of the window-frame or door, or to iron hinges in rabbets in the masonry; and every such door or shutter shall be closed upon the completion of the business of each day, by the occupant having the use or control of the same; and all fire-proof shutters that now are or may hereafter be put upon any building on the street fronts, shall be so constructed as to be closed and opened from the outside above the first story.

SECT. 96. No cellar or basement cellar of any building shall be constructed below the grade of twelve feet above mean low water: *provided, however,* that the board of aldermen may, by license, subject to revocation at any time by them, authorize cellars or basement cellars to be constructed in buildings, no part of which is to be used as a dwelling, so much below said grade as they may designate in each license. Cellars, etc., not to be constructed below certain grade, except.

SECT. 97. All buildings built upon filled or made land shall have a bed of concrete, of hydraulic cement and gravel, or tar and gravel, or asphalt, not less than two inches in thickness, spread over the cellar bottom, or shall be paved with brick laid in cement, throughout the whole extent of the building; and where there is a basement floor over the cellar bottom there shall be an air-space between the concrete and said floor, unless the floor is planked directly upon the concrete. The air-space shall be properly ventilated. Buildings on made land to have concrete bed, etc.

SECT. 98. All buildings hereafter built shall have only iron drains within the buildings and extending five feet outside of the wall of the buildings; and where the said drain-pipe passes through the wall there shall be a relieving arch, stone lintel, or iron pipe inserted to relieve said iron drain. All drains below cellar floor or grade twelve shall be laid with proper fall to sewer in a trench, the sides of which shall be walled with brick masonry, and the base in concrete, thoroughly rammed and graded, and made accessible by movable covers. Drains.

SECT. 99. All drain-pipe hung to wall or ceiling shall be firmly hung. Drain-pipe hung to ceiling.

SECT. 100. The roof of every building shall be kept in good repair, and all rain-water shall be so drained or conveyed therefrom as not to drip on the ground or cause dampness in the walls, yard, or area.

SECT. 101. All brick buildings shall be kept provided with suitable water-tight metallic leaders and all other buildings with water-tight metallic or wooden leaders for conducting the water from the roof to the ground, and all water shall be conducted from a building or from land to the street, gutter, or sewer in such a manner as not to flow upon the sidewalk. Water-tight leaders.

SECT. 102. The insides of all furred brick walls of every brick building hereafter constructed shall have a fire-belt or stop, composed of some fire-proof material, at least six inches wide and thoroughly set up between furrings at the top and bottom of each story; and the whole area of every floor from wall to wall shall be deafened with plaster at least one inch thick, or two thicknesses of asbestos paper, or other incombustible material satisfactory to inspector, the same to be placed upon the under or rough flooring; and in each story, in which stud walls or partitions are constructed and rest on walls or other partitions, said stud walls and partitions shall have the spaces between the floor-joists immediately under such walls or partitions, and between studs from the under side of said joists to a line six inches above the top of said joists, filled solid and flush with face of plastering on both sides with mortar, cement, plaster, or other incombustible material; and if such studs or partitions shall rest on Fire belt or stop in furred brick walls. Deafened with plaster or other incombustible material.

solid timber or joists for the whole length thereof, such filling as above described shall be placed from the top of such joists to the same height as above specified, or a strip of tin or galvanized iron, at least one inch wider than the width of said studding, and continuing under the footing of such walls or partitions, may be substituted for the filling above specified, where there is no partition or wall under. The spaces between stringers or carriages, and between floor-joists of landings, of all wooden staircases, unless such stringers and joints are left exposed and uncovered, shall be plugged solid with mortar or other incombustible material, or the spaces between stringers shall be closed at intervals of three feet by substantial stops of incombustible material.

Air-passages from one floor to another.

SECT. 103. The various forms of construction tending to create or form air-passages from one story to another, such as spaces around pipes, ventilating-shafts, or chimneys furred off to form breasts, in every brick building hereafter erected or altered, shall have a fire and smoke stop of incombustible material at each floor, approved by the inspector. All ventilation-ducts shall be of incombustible materials.

Ventilation-ducts.

Upright supports to be protected.

SECT. 104. Upright supports of other material than brick, used below the grade of the street, and cast-iron beams or girders or stone lintels, used for supports in every brick building, hereafter erected or altered, shall be protected by fire-proof material.

Fire-escapes in boarding-houses, factories, etc.  
1888, 367.

SECT. 105. Every building occupied above the second floor from the level of the street by two or more families, and every building occupied as a tenement, boarding or lodging house, factory, mill, or manufactory, or for offices or workshops in which persons are employed above such second floor, and every school building more than two stories in height and accommodating, or having the means of accommodating, forty or more persons, shall be provided with such proper facilities for the escape of such persons in case of fire as the inspector may approve; and where fire-escapes are required on the outside of a building, they shall be provided with suitable connections with the ground.

Fire-escapes where operatives employed above second story.  
1888, 367.

SECT. 106. Every building in which operatives are employed above the second story shall be provided with fire-escapes approved by the inspector; and women or children shall not be employed in any building above the second story unless there are two or more means of exit provided. The owner of any building provided with a fire-escape shall keep the fire-escape in good repair. Stairs on the outside of the building shall have railed landings at each story above the first, and shall connect with each story of the building by doors or windows; and no person shall place any obstruction upon any fire-escape. Fire-escapes may project over the line of any public street, highway, or causeway, when ordered by the inspector.

Shafts for elevators, etc., to have brick walls eight inches thick.

SECT. 107. All elevator cars and hoists, not including lifts twenty-eight inches square, and except those constructed in dwelling-houses, shall run in shafts with brick walls not less than eight inches thick, or walls covered with incombustible material, with proper fire-stops, or in the well-room of a fire-proof stairway enclosed in the same manner and carried up through the roof not less than one foot and six inches; said shafts to be covered with a ventilating skylight.

Openings to be protected by automatic rails, etc.  
1888, 367.  
149 Mass., 450.

SECT. 108. The openings through or upon each floor of any building in which there is a hoist or an elevator car not running in a shaft, shall be protected by sufficient automatic rails or gates and trap-doors, or such other mechanical devices as shall be equivalent thereto; and every elevator car and hoist shall be provided with some sufficient arrangement to prevent the falling of the car or hoist

in case of any accident to the ropes, pulleys, and other hoisting apparatus.

SECT. 109. The openings into every hoist shaft hereafter constructed, except shafts for passenger elevators, shall be furnished with metal or metal-covered doors hung to rabbeted iron frames with iron thresholds to the same; said doors to be kept closed, when not in use, by springs of sufficient strength. Equivalent protection against fire may, in the case of passenger elevators, be substituted for such doors.

Openings into hoist shafts to have metal or metal-covered doors.  
1888, 367.

SECT. 110. No hoistway, elevator car, or hoist shall be used in any building until approved by the inspector.

Hoistways, etc., to be approved by inspector before use.

SECT. 111. The owner or other party having an interest in any building, staging, or other structure, or anything attached to or connected with a building or other structure, which shall be unsafe so as to endanger life, shall, immediately upon notice received from the Inspector of Buildings, cause the same to be made safe and secure, or taken down; and where the public safety requires immediate action, the inspector may enter upon the premises with such assistants as may be necessary, and cause the said structure to be secured or taken down without delay, and the passers-by to be protected at the expense of such owner or party interested. No staging or stand for observation purposes shall be constructed or occupied upon the roof of any building in said city.

Owner to make safe any building, staging, etc., when notified by inspector.

SECT. 112. Every building which shall appear, to the inspector, to be specially dangerous in case of fire, by reason of bad condition of walls, overloaded floors, defective construction or other causes, shall be held to be unsafe; and the inspector, besides proceeding as provided in the preceding section, shall also affix a notice of the dangerous character of the structure to a conspicuous place on the exterior wall of said building; and any person removing such notice so affixed shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for each and every offence, to be paid into the treasury of said city.

Notice of dangerous character of a building to be posted on exterior wall.

SECT. 113. The owner, or party having an interest in the unsafe building or structure, mentioned in the two preceding sections, being notified thereof in writing by the inspector, shall forfeit and pay a fine to the use of said city, for every day's continuance thereof after such notice, a sum not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, on complaint before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Owner liable to fine for neglect, etc.

SECT. 114. No explosive or inflammable compound or combustible material shall be stored or placed under any stairway of any building, or used in any such place or manner as to obstruct or render egress hazardous in case of fire.

Explosive, etc., material not to be placed under stairway.

SECT. 115. Any building that may be hereafter erected in an isolated position, and more than one hundred feet in depth, and which shall not have cross-walls, shall be securely braced during construction both inside and out, if practicable; or if outside bracing is not practicable, it shall be properly braced from the inside, and the braces shall be continued from the foundation upward to at least one-third the height of the building from the sidewalk level.

Building in an isolated position, more than one hundred feet in height, to be braced.

SECT. 116. Every public building hereafter erected, and every building hereafter altered to be used as a public building, in addition to all other provisions applicable to such buildings, shall have at least one frontage for its entire height of at least one entire side of the auditorium and lobbies, passages, and stairways, of exit on that side, on a street, court, or open passageway fifteen feet or more wide, and at least two-thirds of the entire width of exits and entrances shall open on to such street, court, or passageway; shall

Public buildings.

have the doors, halls, corridors, lobbies, stairways, passages, and aisles wide, direct, and so constructed and arranged as to afford easy egress for the occupants under all circumstances; and exits and entrances shall, as far as practicable, be identical; shall have all doors open outwards, and of the full width of the passages from which they open; shall have the passages of exit and stairways at least five feet wide, and of an aggregate capacity in width of not less than twenty inches for each one hundred persons that said building may at any time contain. This provision to apply to the exits from each division, gallery, or compartment of such building, as well as to the exterior openings; shall have the corridors, lobbies, stairways, passages, and aisles of equal or increasing width, towards the exits, and without any projection into them within six feet of the floor; shall have the halls, corridors, doors, stairways, seats, and aisles so arranged as to facilitate egress, and as the inspector may approve; and shall have all pipes and apparatus used in heating or lighting, and all lights, protected to the satisfaction of the inspector; and shall have such fire service and apparatus for the extinguishment of fire as the inspector may deem necessary. All exits from any public building shall be opened for the use of every departing audience.

Heating and lighting apparatus to be approved by inspector.

Fire service and apparatus to be provided as the inspector deems necessary.

Temporary seats, etc., not allowed in aisles, etc., of public buildings.

Changes of level in floors of public buildings to be made by inclines.

Overheads to be protected.

Partitions of public buildings to be brick masonry.

Stairs, etc., of public buildings to have hand-rails, etc.

Rise of stairs not to exceed seven and one-half inches.

Construction of approaches and exits of public buildings.

Boilers, etc., not to be located under audi-

SECT. 117. No temporary seats or other obstructions shall be allowed in any aisle, passageway of exit or entrance, or stairway of a public building; and no persons shall be allowed to stand or remain therein while the building is in use.

SECT. 118. All changes of level in the floors of public buildings, except regular stairways, from story to story, and except the necessary steps in galleries and balconies, rising towards the exits, shall be made by inclines of no steeper gradient than two in ten within the auditorium, and rising towards the exits, and one in ten for all others.

SECT. 119. The overheads, immediately beneath the floors of the auditorium, lobbies, hall-room, galleries, stairways, landings, and corridors of public buildings shall be protected by some incombustible material, such as wire lathing and plastering; and the stair-carriages and framing shall be plugged solid to line of treads, risers, and landing floors with some incombustible material.

SECT. 120. All partitions of public buildings enclosing the stairways, lobbies, and corridors, or separating them from auditorium or anterooms, shall be of brick masonry; or of heavy studding, brick nogged throughout, or otherwise made non-combustible.

SECT. 121. All stairs and landings of public buildings shall have proper hand-rails on both sides firmly secured to walls, or to strong posts and balusters throughout their entire length; and wide stairways shall have one or more intermediate rails on strong vertical supports, as approved by inspector.

SECT. 122. The rise of stairs of public buildings shall not exceed seven and one-half inches, nor the going be less than ten and one-half inches. No winders less than seven inches wide at the narrowest end, or flights of less than three steps, shall be introduced, and there shall be a full landing to at least every fifteen steps.

SECT. 123. Every approach or exit of a public building, under or through any other building, shall have solid brick walls, and the floors and ceilings shall be of approved incombustible and fire-resisting materials, and there shall be no openings through said walls, floors, or ceilings.

SECT. 124. No boiler, furnace, engine, or heating apparatus, except steam-pipes and radiators, shall be located under the audi-

rium, nor under any passage or stairway of exit of a public building. torium, etc., of public buildings.

SECT. 125. The lights for the rear of the auditorium, and for all passages and stairways of exit of every public building, shall be independent of the lights of the rest of the auditorium and platform, and shall be so arranged that they cannot be turned down or off from the platform. Certain lights in public buildings to be independent.

SECT. 126. Every building hereafter built or altered, to be used as a theatre, for dramatic, operatic, or other similar performances, involving the use of a fixed stage, with movable or shifting scenery, curtains, and machinery, shall be a brick building, and be of fire-resisting construction throughout, so far as the nature of its uses will permit, and in addition to all other provisions applicable to a public building, shall have the highest part of main floor of auditorium not more than seven feet above the sidewalk of the open street, court, or passageway on which the main doors of exit shall be located; shall have at least two independent exits for each division, compartment, or gallery of the auditorium; and for each gallery or division above the first floor shall have independent stairways, and such stairways and exits shall be located as far apart as practicable. The lobbies shall be separated from the auditorium by brick or other fire-resisting walls; and all walls, floors, and landings of stairways, and all stairs shall be of incombustible materials; and all doors from auditorium to lobbies and stairways shall be of metal-covered wood and self-closing. There shall be lobbies adjoining each division of the auditorium sufficiently large to furnish standing room for all persons that such division may at any time contain. Theatre, main floor of, to be not more than seven feet above sidewalk. Lobbies, walls, and doors to be of incombustible materials.

SECT. 127. In addition to the exits hereinbefore required for all public buildings, there shall be provided, if practicable, for every theatre, direct exits from the main floor of auditorium to a street, court, or open passageway; and these exits shall be provided with such light doors or sashes, opening outwards, and secured only on the inside, as may readily be forced open in case of fire or panic. Passageway from the auditorium to a street.

SECT. 128. The stage of every theatre shall be separated from the auditorium by a brick wall sixteen inches thick, or its equivalent, which wall shall extend the entire width of the building, and from ground to roof and from ground to stage floor, and be topped out as a party-wall. There shall be no openings through this wall except the curtain opening, and not more than two others, to be located at the level of or below the stage; these latter openings shall not exceed twenty-one superficial feet each, and shall have tinned wood, self-closing doors, securely hung to rabbets in the brickwork. Stage to be separated from the auditorium by brick wall sixteen inches thick.

SECT. 129. The wall over the curtain opening of every theatre shall be carried by a brick arch, or by an iron truss or girder; and if a truss or girder is used it shall be covered by materials non-conductive of heat, and a girder shall be spanned by a sufficient relieving arch of brick in cement. Wall over the curtain.

SECT. 130. The roof trusses of every theatre shall be covered with incombustible material. Roof trusses.

SECT. 131. The finish or decorative features around the curtain opening of every theatre shall be of incombustible materials, well secured to masonry. Finish around the curtain opening.

SECT. 132. All scenery, curtains, and exposed woodwork of stage of every theatre shall be thoroughly covered or saturated, if practicable, with fire-resisting material, approved by inspector. Scenery and exposed woodwork.

SECT. 133. The fixed portions of stage, fly floors, and tie floors of every theatre shall be of approved incombustible material, except that the flooring may be of wood. Stage and floors.



**Underside floor-  
ing of fly floors.** SECT. 134. The under side of flooring of fly floors of every theatre shall be covered with approved incombustible materials, and the tie floors shall have an open flooring of slats, set their full width apart.

**Scene docks,  
carpenter shops,  
etc.** SECT. 135. All scene docks, carpenter or property shops, and wardrobes of every theatre, shall be separated from stage, auditorium, and dressing-room divisions by solid brick walls, not less than twelve inches thick, with no openings to the auditorium or dressing-room divisions; and all openings to the stage shall have tinned wood, self-closing doors, securely hung in rabbets in the brickwork.

**Rooms of  
employees.** SECT. 136. All rooms and premises in every theatre for the use or occupancy of persons employed therein shall be located in secure positions, and shall have at least two independent exits, as remote from the stage as practicable; and all parts of such rooms and premises, with their passages and stairways, shall be of fire-resisting construction.

**Fire apparatus.** SECT. 137. There shall be at least two two-inch high-service stand-pipes on the stage of every theatre, with ample provisions of hose and nozzles at each level of the stage on each side, and the water shall be kept turned on during the occupancy of the building. The said pipes shall have two gates, one above the other, with a proper test or waste-valve; the lower gate to be kept open at all times except when testing the upper gate to ascertain if it is in order for use. The proscenium opening shall be provided with a two-and one-half inch perforated iron pipe, so constructed that in case of an emergency, it will form a complete water curtain for the entire proscenium opening, and there shall be such additional fire apparatus and perforated iron pipes or automatic sprinklers as the inspector shall direct. Said pipes shall be supplied with water by high-pressure service, and be at all times ready for use.

**Ventilators  
above centre of  
stage.** SECT. 138. There shall be one or more ventilators near the centre and above the highest portion of stage of every theatre, constructed of incombustible materials, and equal in combined area of opening to one-tenth of the area of stage floor. Said ventilators shall have valves or louvres so counterbalanced as to open automatically, and shall be kept closed when not in use, by cords or wires reaching to the prompter's desk, and readily operated therefrom. There shall also be a proper arrangement of combustible cords, or fusible connections to open the ventilating valves automatically, by the action of fire on the stage.

**Proscenium  
curtain to be of  
incombustible  
material.** SECT. 139. The proscenium or curtain opening to every theatre shall have a fire-resisting curtain of incombustible material, reinforced by wire netting, or otherwise strengthened; if of iron, or similar heavy material, and made to lower from the top, it shall be so contrived as to be stopped securely at a height of seven feet above the stage floor; the remaining opening being closed by a curtain or valance of fire-resisting fabric as above. Such curtain shall be lowered at the beginning and end of each and every performance, and shall, in its material, construction, and mechanism be approved by the inspector.

**Stairways in  
brick buildings  
used for tenement  
houses.** SECT. 140. Every brick building hereafter erected or altered, to be used for a tenement or lodging house, except those where there are not more than four families and having two separate stairways, shall have the stairways enclosed in brick walls not less than eight inches thick the entire height, and provided with a ventilating skylight so arranged with fire-proof appliances that it may be operated from the lower hall in a manner satisfactory to the inspector, and the stairway side of said walls, if plastered, unless it is an outside wall, shall be plastered directly on the brickwork, and no opening or

aperture shall be made in said walls except the requisite doors for entrance thereto and external windows; and the whole area of stairway not occupied by well-rooms on each floor shall be deafened as provided in section one hundred and two. Other better fire-proof or fire-resisting construction may be substituted for the wood framing and deafening and wire lathing and plastering by permission of inspector. Every such building, if to be occupied by more than four families above the first floor, shall have such additional staircases or means of egress as in the judgment of the inspector the safety of the occupants shall demand. If such staircase partitions are to commence at a level above the cellar bottom, they may be erected upon iron girders, and properly protected from fire, and the floor within said walls at the level of the girders shall be entirely of incombustible material.

SECT. 141. The exterior walls of every building hereafter erected or altered to be used for a tenement or lodging house, on a street not more than twenty feet in width, shall not exceed thirty feet in height. Height of exterior walls of tenement houses, etc.

SECT. 142. No building, of which any part is used for storage or sale of hay, straw, hemp, flax, shavings, burning fluids, turpentine, camphene, or any inflammable oil, or other highly combustible substances, shall be occupied in any part as a dwelling, tenement or lodging house; except that rooms for coachmen or grooms may be allowed in connection with the private stables authorized by this act, by permission of inspector. All receptacles for ashes in any tenement or lodging house shall be enclosed with incombustible material satisfactory to inspector. Buildings for storage of combustible materials not to be used as tenement houses, etc.

SECT. 143. Every tenement or lodging house shall have in the roof, at the top of the hall, a ventilator; shall also be provided with a fire-escape, or means of escape in case of fire, both to be approved by the inspector; shall have in every room occupied as a sleeping-room and which does not communicate directly with the external air, a ventilating or transom window, having an opening or area of three square feet over the door leading into and connected with the adjoining room, if such adjoining room communicates with the external air; and also a ventilating or transom window, of the same opening, in such other place as the inspector may direct, but no transom window shall be placed in a partition wall enclosing a main stairway; shall also have proper stairs, strong balusters, posts, railings, and kept in good repair. Ventilators and fire-escapes for tenements or lodging houses.

SECT. 144. All ordinances and parts of ordinances of said city now in force, relating to the building limits and the inspection and survey of buildings, shall remain in force until amended or repealed by said city, and all officers elected or appointed under the provisions of said ordinances or the acts repealed, shall continue to hold office for the terms for which they were elected or appointed and until their successors are elected or appointed in accordance with this act, unless sooner removed. Ordinances to remain in force. Officers to continue.

SECT. 145. Any court having equity jurisdiction, in term time or vacation, may, on the application of the inspector, by any suitable process or decree in equity, enforce the provisions of this act, and may, on such application, issue an injunction to restrain the use or occupation of any building or structure in the city of Boston, erected, altered, maintained, or used in violation of this act. Provisions may be enforced in equity.

SECT. 146. Any person violating any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be paid into the treasury of said city, unless another penalty is specifically provided herein. Fines and penalties. 1888, 367.

Repeal of  
certain acts.

SECT. 147. Chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one; chapters two hundred and sixty, and three hundred and seventy-one; and three hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two; chapters two hundred and ninety-eight, and three hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three; chapters sixty-nine and one hundred and seventy-six, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six; chapters one hundred and one, and sections three, four, and seven of chapter two hundred and fifty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two; and chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three are repealed.

SECT. 148. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 19, 1885.

[1888, 316, 367, 426; 1889, 129, 450.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 377.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE AND HOLD LAND, AND TO CONSTRUCT THEREON A COURT-HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May take land  
for a court-  
house.  
1886, 122.

SECTION 1. The board of commissioners appointed by the mayor of said city, by virtue of an order of the city council of said city with reference to a court-house, approved March fourth, eighteen hundred eighty-five, is hereby authorized to select and take in the name and behalf of said city, by purchase or otherwise, such land as may, in the judgment of said commissioners, subject to the approval of the mayor of the city of Boston, be requisite for the erection of a court-house for the use of the courts of the Commonwealth within and for the county of Suffolk, and other purposes incidental thereto and for a court-house yard for the same.

To cause to be  
recorded in  
registry of  
deeds a descrip-  
tion of the land  
taken.

SECT. 2. Said commissioners shall within thirty days after the approval of the mayor of the land selected by said commissioners file in the registry of deeds for Suffolk County and cause to be recorded a description of the lands so taken as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which it is taken; which description and statement shall be signed by said commissioners or a majority thereof, and the fee of the land so taken or purchased shall vest in the city of Boston. The city shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons by reason of the taking of such land as aforesaid. Such damages to be ascertained and determined in the manner provided for ascertaining and determining damages in case of the laying out, altering, or discontinuing of ways within the city of Boston.

151 Mass., 585.

146 Mass., 52.

Commissioners  
to erect court-  
house on land  
taken.  
1886, 122.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the city of Boston, acting by and through the said commissioners, to erect within a reasonable time, upon the land so selected by them and taken or purchased by virtue of this act, a suitable court-house for the use of the courts of the Commonwealth in and for the County of Suffolk, and for other purposes incidental thereto. But work upon the same shall not be commenced until full plans shall have been prepared, and after being duly advertised, proposals for doing the work shall have been received from responsible parties, and contracts have been entered into with satisfactory guaranties for their performance. And the said commissioners shall not expend or contract to expend more than

twelve hundred thousand dollars in addition to the cost of the land, unless such excess of expenditure shall first have been authorized by the city council of Boston.

SECT. 4. Said board of commissioners shall remain in existence a sufficient time to accomplish the purposes of this act, and any vacancy occurring therein shall be filled by appointment of the mayor. Said board shall semi-annually, and whenever required by the mayor or city council, make and present in writing a particular report and a statement of all their acts and proceedings, and of the condition and progress of the work. They shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the city council, and shall not be individually interested either directly or indirectly in the work directed by this act.

Commissioners to continue in office until purpose of act accomplished.

SECT. 5. For the purpose of defraying all costs for land taken or purchased and for constructing said court-house, and for other expenses legally incurred under this act, said city of Boston is authorized to issue its bonds or certificates of indebtedness, to be known as the "Suffolk County Court-House Loan" to be payable at such time or times not exceeding fifty years in all, and at such rate of interest as the city council may determine. Said city may make payable annually a fixed proportion of the principal of said bonds or certificates. Said city shall annually raise by taxation the amount required to meet such interest, and the proportion of the principal payable annually. The sinking-funds of any loans of said city may be invested in said bonds or certificates.

City to issue its bonds for all costs for land taken and construction of court-house. 1887, 101.

SECT. 6. Chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty is hereby repealed, and all estates in land taken or appropriated for a court-house thereunder are hereby revested in the city of Boston as though said act had not been passed.

Repeal of 1880, c. 128.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*June 19, 1885.*

[1886, 122, 195; 1887, 101.]

## 1885. — CHAPTER 382.

### AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH IN BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Every building in the city of Boston used as a dwelling, tenement or lodging house, or where persons are employed, shall have at all times such number of good and sufficient water-closets, earth closets, or privies as the board of health of said city may determine, but the occupants of any two or more of any such buildings may use such closets or privies in common, provided the access is easy and direct; and said board shall not require more than one such closet or privy for every twenty persons.

Dwelling-houses, etc., to have water-closets, etc.

SECT. 2. Every such building situated on a street in which there is a sewer, shall have water-closets, and shall not have a cesspool or privy connected with it, except where, in the opinion of the board of health, it can be allowed to remain for a longer time, and then only as said board shall approve.

Water-closets on street where there is sewer. 1889, 450.

SECT. 3. No building in the city of Boston shall be converted into, or used for a tenement or lodging house unless, in addition to the other requirements of the law, it conforms to the provisions of this act.

Buildings converted into tenement houses to conform to this act. 1889, 450.

Meaning of  
certain terms.  
1889, 450.

SECT. 4. In this act the following terms shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them, viz. : —

“Cellar” means a basement or lower story of any building of which one-half or more of the height from the floor to the ceiling is below the level of the street adjoining.

“Inspector” means inspector of buildings of the city of Boston.

“Lodging-house” means a building in which persons are temporarily accommodated with sleeping apartments, and includes hotels.

“Tenement-house” means a building which, or any portion of which, is to be occupied, or is occupied as the residence of more than three families living independently of one another, and doing their cooking upon the premises; or by more than two families upon any floor above the second floor, so living and cooking.

Yard, etc., of  
tenement  
houses to con-  
nect with sewer,  
etc.

SECT. 5. Every tenement or lodging house shall have the yard or area so connected with a sewer that all water and liquid filth will freely flow from it to the sewer, or, if there is no sewer, to the street gutter, by means of a passage under the sidewalk covering, so constructed as to be easily accessible to remove obstructions.

Space between  
buildings.

SECT. 6. If a building to be used for a tenement or lodging house is on the front of any lot where there is another building on the rear of the same lot, there shall be clear, open space, exclusively belonging to the front building, and extending upwards from the ground, of at least ten feet between said buildings, if they are one story high above the level of the ground. If they are two stories high, the distance between them shall not be less than fifteen feet; if they are three stories high, the distance between them shall be not less than twenty feet; and if they are more than three stories high, the distance between them shall be not less than twenty-five feet.

Space between  
buildings in  
rear of lot.

SECT. 7. If such building is on the back part of any lot, there shall be a clear, open space of at least ten feet between such building and every other building in its rear. But when thorough ventilation of such open spaces can be otherwise secured, said distances may be lessened or modified, in special cases, by a permit from the board of health and the inspector.

Height and  
ventilation of  
habitable  
rooms.  
1889, 450.

SECT. 8. Every habitable room of such building not now used, but hereafter used as a tenement or lodging house shall be, in every part, not less than eight feet in height from the floor to the ceiling, except in the attic, and shall be at least eight feet in height from the floor to the ceiling throughout not less than one-half the area of such room; and every such room shall have at least one window connecting with the external air, or over the door a suitable ventilator connecting with a room or hall which has a connection with the external air.

Area of window  
communicating  
with the exter-  
nal air.

SECT. 9. The total area of window communicating with the external air, in every room of such building, shall be equal to at least one-tenth of the superficial area of the room; and the top of one at least of such windows shall be not less than seven feet six inches above the floor, and the upper half of each window shall be so made as to open for the purposes of ventilation.

Area of room.

SECT. 10. Every habitable room of such building, of area less than one hundred superficial feet, which does not communicate directly with the external air, and is without an open fireplace, shall be provided with special means of ventilation, approved by the board of health and the said inspector.

Chimneys with  
open fireplaces  
or place for a  
stove.

SECT. 11. Every such building shall have adequate chimneys running through every floor, with an open fireplace or grate, or place for a stove, properly connected with one of said chimneys, for every family and set of apartments; shall have proper conveniences and

non-combustible receptacles for ashes and rubbish; shall have water furnished at one or more places in such house, or in the yard thereof, so that the same may be adequate and reasonably convenient for the use of the occupants thereof; and shall have the floor of the cellar properly cemented, so as to be water tight. Water supply.

SECT. 12. Every such building used for a tenement or lodging house shall have suitable receptacles for garbage and other refuse matters, and shall not be used as a place of storage for any combustible article, or any article dangerous to life or detrimental to health; nor shall any horse, cow, calf, swine, pig, sheep, or goat be kept in said building. Receptacles for garbage.

SECT. 13. Every such building, and the yard, court, passage, area, and alleys belonging to the same, shall be kept clean and free from any accumulation of dirt, filth, garbage, or other refuse matter, to the satisfaction of the board of health. Building, etc., to be kept clean.

SECT. 14. The tenant of any lodging-house or tenement-house shall thoroughly cleanse all the rooms, floors, windows, and doors of the house, or part of the house, of which he is the tenant, to the satisfaction of the board of health, and the owner or lessee shall well and sufficiently, to the satisfaction of said board, whitewash or otherwise cleanse the walls and ceilings thereof once at least every year, in the months of April or May, and have the privies, drains, and cesspools kept in good order and the passages and stairs kept clean and in good condition. Tenant to cleanse the rooms, etc. Owner to whitewash the walls. 1889, 450.

SECT. 15. The owner, agent of the owner, and keeper of any lodging or tenement house, or part thereof, shall, when any person in such house is sick of fever, or of any infectious, pestilential, or contagious disease, and such sickness is known to such owner, agent, or keeper, give immediate notice thereof to the board of health, and thereupon said board shall cause the same to be inspected and cleansed, or disinfected, at the expense of the owner, in such manner as they may deem necessary; and may also cause the blankets, bedding, and bedclothes used by any such sick person to be thoroughly cleansed, scoured, and fumigated, and in extreme cases to be destroyed.

SECT. 16. The halls on each floor of every such building shall open directly to the external air, with suitable windows, and shall have no room or other obstructions at the end, unless sufficient light and ventilation is otherwise provided for said halls in a manner approved by the board of health. Halls on each floor to open directly to the external air.

SECT. 17. No person shall, without a permit from the board of health, let or occupy, or suffer to be occupied, separately as a dwelling or place of lodging and sleeping, any cellar or underground room whatsoever, unless the same be in every part thereof at least seven feet in height, measured from the floor to the ceiling thereof; nor unless the same shall have been so let or occupied before the passage of this act, nor unless the same be for at least one foot of its height above the surface of the street or ground adjoining, or nearest to the same; nor unless there be, outside of and adjoining the said vault, cellar, or room, and extending along the entire frontage thereof, and upwards from six inches below the level of the floor thereof, up to the surface of the said street or ground, an open space of at least two feet and six inches wide in every part; nor unless the same be well and effectually drained by means of a drain, the uppermost part of which is one foot at least below the level of the floor of such vault, cellar, or room; nor unless there is a clear space of not less than one foot below the level of the floor, except where the same is cemented; nor unless there be appurtenant to such vault, cellar, or

room, the use of a water-closet or privy, kept and provided as in this act required, nor unless the same have an external window opening of at least nine superficial feet clear of the sash frame, in which window opening there shall be fitted a frame filled in with glazed sashes, at least four and a half superficial feet of which shall be made so as to open for the purpose of ventilation: *provided, however*, that in case of an inner or back vault, cellar, or room, let or occupied along with a front vault, cellar, or room, as a part of the same letting or occupation, it shall be a sufficient compliance with the provisions of this act if the front room is provided with a window as hereinbefore provided, and if the said back vault, cellar, or room is connected with the front vault, cellar, or room, by a door, and also by a proper ventilating or transom window, and, where practicable, also connected by a proper ventilating or transom window, or by some hall or passage, with the external air: *provided, further*, that in any area adjoining a vault, cellar, or underground room, there may be steps necessary for access to such vault, cellar, or room, if the same be so placed as not to be over, across, or opposite to said external window, and so as to allow between every part of such steps and the external wall of such vault, cellar, or room, a clear space of six inches at least, and if the rise of said steps is open; and *provided, further*, that over or across any such area there may be steps necessary for access to any building above the vault, cellar, or room, to which such area adjoins, if the same be so placed as not to be over, across, or opposite to any such external window.

Board of health may make other regulations. 1889, 450.

SECT. 18. The board of health shall have authority to make such other regulations as to cellars, and the ventilation and overcrowding of tenement and lodging houses and buildings where persons are employed, as they deem necessary, subject, however, to the laws relating to building in the city of Boston.

Name of owner, agent, etc., to be posted on wall of tenement house.

SECT. 19. Every owner and agent, or person having charge, of a tenement or lodging house shall leave his address with the board of health, and shall have legibly posted on the wall or in the entry of such tenement or lodging house the name and address of such owner and of the agent or person having charge of the same; and service upon parties whose address is out of the city, of any papers or notices required by this act, or any act relating to the preservation of health, or by any proceedings to enforce any of their provisions, shall be sufficient, if made by sending a copy of such paper or notice through the mail to the address of the person or persons so designated as owner, agent, or person having charge of such tenement or lodging house; and service upon parties whose address is in the city, by leaving such copy at said address.

Officers to have free access to building.

SECT. 20. Every officer of the board of health, and every officer upon whom any duty or authority is conferred, shall have free access to every part of any lodging or tenement house, when required, in the proper execution of the duties of his office.

Provisions may be enforced in equity.

SECT. 21. Any court having equity jurisdiction, in term time or vacation, may, on the application of the board of health, by any suitable process or decree in equity, enforce the provisions of this act, and may, on such application, issue an injunction to restrain the use or occupation of any building or structure in the city of Boston, erected, altered, or used in violation of this act.

Fines and penalties.

SECT. 22. Any person violating any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by confinement in the house of correction not exceeding sixty days, unless another penalty is specifically provided herein.

SECT. 23. Every member of said board of health, and every in- <sup>Officers to be</sup>  
 spector acting under said board shall, before entering upon the duties <sup>sworn.</sup>  
 of his office take and subscribe an oath before the city clerk of said  
 city that he will faithfully and impartially discharge such duties, and  
 the city clerk shall make and keep a record of such oath. Every <sup>Penalty.</sup>  
 member of said board and every such inspector who enters upon or  
 discharges such duties without having taken and subscribed such oath  
 shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, but such omis-  
 sion shall not render invalid any act or proceeding of said board.

SECT. 24. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 19, 1885.

[1889, 450.]

## 1885. — RESOLVES. CHAPTER 12.

### RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ARMORY RENTS TO CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*Resolved*, That the adjutant-general be and he is hereby authorized <sup>Armory rents.</sup>  
 to allow to the following-named cities and towns, to wit : — The cities of  
 Boston, Cambridge, Fall River, Holyoke, Lowell, Malden and Wor-  
 cester, and the towns of Beverly, Chelmsford, Concord, Gardner,  
 Groton, Leominster, Westford and Woburn, such amounts for rent of  
 armories, for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, for various  
 organizations of the state militia occupying public buildings, as may  
 be in his judgment just and reasonable ; and said amounts shall be  
 certified to the auditor of the Commonwealth, not to exceed in all the  
 sum of eight thousand dollars, to be paid from the appropriation for  
 armory rents, authorized by chapter thirty-two of the acts of the year  
 eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

February 25, 1885.

## 1885. — RESOLVES. CHAPTER 62.

### RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR ITS SUPPORT OF STATE PAUPERS.

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand two hun- <sup>Payment</sup>  
 dred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-four cents be allowed and paid <sup>of certain bills.</sup>  
 out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the city of Boston, for  
 the payment of certain bills for support of state paupers at the Bos-  
 ton city hospital which have been audited and allowed by the board  
 of health, lunacy, and charity, and are now on file in the office of the  
 state auditor, in sums as follows, to wit, viz. : —

The sum of sixty-five hundred and three dollars and fifty-six cents  
 for a period dating from December twenty-second, eighteen hundred  
 eighty-two, to December thirty-first, eighteen hundred eighty-three,  
 and a further sum of seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-two  
 dollars and sixty-eight cents for certain other bills incurred in like  
 manner for the year ending December thirty-first, eighteen hundred  
 eighty-four.

June 11, 1885.



## 1886. — CHAPTER 15.

## AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE EAST BOSTON DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE EAST BOSTON DISTRICT COURT.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

**Municipal Court of East Boston District abolished.** SECTION 1. The Municipal Court of the East Boston District is hereby abolished.

**East Boston District Court established.**

SECT. 2. A court is hereby established in East Boston under the name of the East Boston District Court, and the district and territory now included in wards one and two of the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop shall constitute a judicial district under the jurisdiction of said court.

**Jurisdiction.**

SECT. 3. The said court shall have a proper seal, and shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction in all respects as that heretofore possessed by the municipal court of the East Boston district.

**Return of process.**

SECT. 4. All civil and criminal cases and proceedings pending in or returnable to said municipal court of the East Boston district when this act takes effect, shall be transferred to or returned into said East Boston district court, which shall thereafter have jurisdiction thereof.

**Officers.**

SECT. 5. There shall be one justice and two special justices, and a clerk of said court, appointed in the manner and with the tenure of office respectively provided in the case of justices and clerks of other district courts. There shall be a constable appointed by the justice of said court. All the provisions of law applicable in common to the municipal courts in Boston shall be applicable to said court.

**Salaries.**

SECT. 6. The salary of the justice of said court shall be eighteen hundred dollars per annum, the salary of the clerk thereof shall be fourteen hundred dollars per annum, and the salary of the constable thereof shall be eleven hundred dollars per annum.

**Records.**

SECT. 7. The records of said municipal court of the East Boston district shall remain in the custody of the clerk of said East Boston district court.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage so far as it provides for appointing, commissioning, and qualifying the justice and special justices and clerk of the court hereby established, and shall take full effect on the first day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

*February 17, 1886.*

## 1886. — CHAPTER 33.

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

**Organization of school committee.**

Section three of chapter two hundred and forty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five is amended by striking out the words "in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six and annually thereafter at such time and place as the mayor may appoint," and by inserting in place thereof the words, "in each year," — so that the first clause of said section shall read as follows: "The persons so chosen as members of the school committee shall meet and organize on the second Monday in January in each year."

*February 27, 1886.*

## 1886. — CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC PARK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, KNOWN AS THE CHARLES-RIVER EMBANKMENT.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The time within which the board of the park commissioners of the city of Boston may build the sea-wall on the Boston side of the lower basin of Charles river, between Craigie's bridge and West Boston bridge, and may fill and fit up the grounds enclosed thereby for the purposes of a public park, as authorized by chapter ninety-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and in accordance with the plans and specifications for said work heretofore duly approved and licensed by the board of harbor and land commissioners, is hereby extended one year, to wit: to the sixteenth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Time extended for completing Charles-river embankment.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 15, 1886.

[1886, 134; 1891, 344.]

## 1886. — CHAPTER 122.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR REGISTRIES OF DEEDS AND PROBATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW COURT-HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, AND TO TAKE ADDITIONAL LAND FOR THE PURPOSE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, entitled "An Act to authorize the city of Boston to take and hold land, and to construct thereon a court-house for the County of Suffolk," is amended by adding to section one, at the end thereof, the words following, to wit: "and for a registry of deeds and a registry of probate for said county, and other purposes incidental thereto."

Registries of deeds and probate to be provided for in new court-house.

SECT. 2. Said act is further amended by striking out the word "twelve" in the last clause of section three thereof, and inserting instead thereof the word: "fifteen," so that the said clause as amended shall read as follows: "And the said commissioners shall not expend or contract to expend more than fifteen hundred thousand dollars in addition to the cost of the land, unless such excess of expenditure shall first have been authorized by the city council of Boston."

Amount of expenditure.

SECT. 3. The said commissioners, for the purposes and in the manner set forth in said act or in this amendment thereto, may take the whole or any portion of the four estates on Somerset street numbered severally thirteen, eleven, nine, and seven, and of the three estates on Pemberton square, numbered severally seventeen, eighteen, and nineteen, being land situated in said city of Boston and lying between the land already taken by said commissioners and the said highways.

Commissioners may take certain estates.

SECT. 4. Section three of chapter three hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is further amended by striking out the whole of the second clause thereof, and

Work not to commence until full general plans are prepared, etc.

inserting instead thereof the following, to wit: "But work upon the same shall not be commenced until full general plans for the building shall have been prepared, and no specific work shall be commenced until the same shall have been duly advertised, proposals for doing such work shall have been received from responsible parties, and contracts have been entered into with satisfactory guarantees for their performance."

Provisions of original act to apply.

SECT. 5. All the provisions relating to the Suffolk County Court House loan and to the erection of said court-house, as set forth in said original act, shall apply to said act as hereby amended.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 2, 1886.

[1885, 877; 1887, 101.]

## 1886. — CHAPTER 134.

AN ACT TO CHANGE A PORTION OF THE LINE OF THE SEA-WALL OF THE PUBLIC PARK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON KNOWN AS THE CHARLES-RIVER EMBANKMENT.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Lines of Charles-river embankment changed.

SECTION 1. The ninety-second chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, entitled "An Act in addition to An Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston," is hereby so far amended that the sea-wall therein authorized on the Boston side of Charles river between Craigie's and West Boston bridges, may be built on or within the following lines instead of those defined in said act, namely: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Craigie's bridge distant two hundred feet perpendicularly from the westerly line of Charles street, and running thence southerly in a line parallel to said westerly line of Charles street to a point opposite the first angle in said street; thence turning a similar angle and running southerly in a straight line parallel to and two hundred feet distant perpendicularly from the westerly line of the next adjoining section of said Charles street, and extending in the same course to West Boston bridge.

Provisions of original act to apply to line as changed.

SECT. 2. All of the other provisions of the act aforesaid shall apply to the lines and areas defined by this act, subject to the extension of time granted by chapter sixty-five of the acts of the present year for the completion of said sea-wall and other authorized work.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 9, 1886.

[1886, 65; 1891, 344.]

## 1886. — CHAPTER 195.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE TO ITS FORMER OWNERS OF A PARCEL OF LAND HERETOFORE TAKEN FOR A COURT-HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Court-house commissioners may release certain lands.

SECTION 1. The board of commissioners mentioned in chapter three hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby authorized, with the consent of the

mayor of Boston, to abandon to the former owners all that parcel of land situated in Pemberton square in the city of Boston, taken by said board from John Lowell and Augustus Lowell, trustees, upon receiving from said trustees a release to the city of Boston of all claims for damages and costs for the taking thereof, and to execute a deed of release to the said trustees which shall revest the said parcel of land in them, as of their estate in the same before said taking.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 6, 1886.

## 1886. — CHAPTER 199.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY OF THE JAMAICA POND AQUEDUCT CORPORATION.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, by the Boston water board, may purchase and hold all the property, estates, rights, and privileges of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation, incorporated by chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and said Boston water board may, if the same shall be deemed expedient, connect Jamaica pond and the pipes of said corporation so purchased with the other water-pipes of said city; but said city shall not hereby acquire any right to take ice from said pond, or to take land upon which any building or machinery is now erected, or which is now used in connection with such building or machinery for the purpose of storing ice, or for convenience in cutting, storing, and moving ice, without the consent of the owner of said land and buildings or machinery; nor shall said city, by virtue of this act or by the purchase hereunder authorized, acquire any right to obstruct or in any manner interfere with the business of persons or corporations now engaged in cutting, storing, selling, or moving ice from said pond, or with the rights of any other person or corporation in the water or ice of said pond, or in the lands bordering upon the same, except so far as the same shall be necessary, in raising or lowering the surface of the water of said pond, to the extent, or in protecting and preserving the purity of said waters, in the manner now authorized by law.

City may purchase property, etc., of Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation.

SECT. 2. This act shall not become valid until it has been accepted by the city council of the city of Boston, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of both branches thereof.<sup>1</sup>

This act subject to acceptance by city council.

May 7, 1886.

## 1886. — CHAPTER 229.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES TO LEASE AND TO PURCHASE AND HOLD THE PROPERTY, RIGHTS, AND FRANCHISES OF, AND TO UNITE AND CONSOLIDATE WITH, EACH OTHER, AND TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE CABLE SYSTEM OF MOTIVE POWER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Each of the street railway companies now authorized to run cars in or into the city of Boston may lease and may purchase and hold the whole or any part or parts of the property, rights, and

Street railway companies in Boston may consolidate with other companies.

<sup>1</sup> This act has not been accepted.

franchises of, and may unite and consolidate with, any or all of the other said street railway companies, and may increase its capital stock so far as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, subject to all general laws applicable to such increase; but such leases, purchases, and consolidations shall be only upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by a majority in interest of the stockholders of each corporation, at meetings called for that purpose, and by the board of railroad commissioners; and the corporations so uniting shall, in every instance, constitute one corporation, under such corporate name, not in use by any other street railway company, as shall be approved in the manner and at the meetings aforesaid; and every corporation formed as aforesaid shall have, hold, possess, and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights, franchises, property, and estates which at the time of such unions shall be had, held, possessed, or enjoyed by the corporations so uniting, or either or any of them, with the exception of the right of appeal to the board of railroad commissioners now enjoyed by the Charles River Street Railway Company under section four of chapter one hundred and seventy-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two; and shall be subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities to which they, or either or any of them, shall then be subject, and to all general laws then or thereafter in force relating to street railway companies.

Consolidated companies may maintain cable system of motive power, etc.

SECT. 2. Each of the street railway companies mentioned in the preceding section which shall carry into effect any lease, purchase, or consolidation under the provisions of said section, may, with the consent of the board of railroad commissioners and of the board of aldermen of the city in which such action is contemplated, establish and maintain the cable system of motive power, so called; and, having first obtained permission from the board of aldermen of cities or the selectmen of towns may, under the direction and control of said board of aldermen, or said selectmen, make such underground and surface alterations of the streets in which its tracks shall be located as may be necessary to establish and maintain said motive power.

Railroad commissioners may, on complaint, require additional accommodations, etc.

SECT. 3. Upon the complaint in writing of not less than ten persons residing upon the route of any such consolidated corporation, that such corporation is not furnishing to the public sufficient traveling accommodations, the board of railroad commissioners shall investigate such complaint, and may, after due notice and hearing, order such corporation to furnish such additional accommodations as, in the opinion of said board, the public travel may require; and said board may also, after due notice and hearing, revise and regulate the fares established by any such consolidated corporation; and all orders made by said board under this section may be enforced in the manner provided in section sixty-three of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the Public Statutes.

This act to become void, unless, etc.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage, but shall become void unless one or more of the street railway companies mentioned in section one of this act shall take advantage of the provisions of said section one within two years from the passage of this act.

May 20, 1886.

## 1886. — CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RETURNS OF CERTIFICATES OF DAMAGE BY DOGS, AND TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR PAYING OVER THE MONEY RECEIVED FOR LICENSES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The mayors of cities and the chairman of selectmen of towns shall return the certificates of appraisals of damages done to domestic animals by dogs, made by them in accordance with the provisions of section ninety-eight of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes, to the treasurer of the county where the damage is done within ten days after such appraisal is made. The treasurer shall thereupon submit the same, except in the County of Suffolk, to the county commissioners, who shall within thirty days examine the same and proceed as provided in said section ninety-eight. The treasurer shall pay all orders drawn upon him for the above purpose in full on or after the first day of July in each year, if the gross amount received by him for dog licenses and not previously paid out under the provisions of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes relating to dogs is sufficient therefor, otherwise he shall pay such amount pro rata upon such orders in full discharge thereof on demand.

Returns of  
certificates of  
damage by  
dogs.

SECT. 2. Section eighty-four of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "day of" in the fourth and fifth lines thereof and inserting the words, "days of June and December," so that it shall read: "The chief of police of Boston and the clerks of other cities and towns shall issue said licenses and receive the money therefor and pay the same into the treasuries of their respective counties, except in the County of Suffolk, on or before the first days of June and December of each year, retaining to their own use twenty cents for each license, and shall return therewith a sworn statement of the amount of moneys thus received and paid over by them. They shall also keep a record of all licenses issued by them with the names of the keepers or owners of dogs licensed, and the names, registered numbers, and descriptions of all such dogs."

Issuing and  
recording of  
licenses.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 1, 1886.

[1887, 135.]

## 1886. — CHAPTER 277.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay William S. and George O. Wiley and Joseph Dickson for services rendered to, and expenses incurred for, the city of Charlestown previous to its annexation to the city of Boston.

City may pay  
certain claims.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 10, 1886.

## 1886. — CHAPTER 282.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL FOR TRUANTS  
AND ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City, on request  
of school  
committee, to  
establish a  
parental school.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall forthwith, upon being requested thereto by the school committee of said city, establish on the mainland, at some place removed from institutions occupied by criminal or vicious persons, a parental school for the confinement, discipline, and instruction of minor children, convicted in the County of Suffolk under sections ten and twelve of chapter forty-eight of the Public Statutes.

Children under  
commitment to  
be transferred  
to parental  
school when  
prepared.

SECT. 2. As soon as said school is prepared for the reception of pupils, all such children then under commitment in said city, at Deer island or elsewhere, shall be transferred thereto; and thereafter all such children convicted under said sections shall be committed to said school.

Directors of  
public  
institutions to  
have general  
charge.  
School  
department to  
be in joint  
charge of school  
committee.

SECT. 3. Said school shall be under the general charge of the directors for public institutions of said city. The school department of said school shall be subject to the visitation and inspection of the school committee of Boston, and the studies and examinations therein shall be under the supervision and regulation of said school committee and directors for public institutions jointly. Every teacher employed in said school shall hold a certificate of his qualifications from said school committee.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 14, 1886.

## 1886. — CHAPTER 304.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PARKS  
IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF BOSTON.*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may  
authorize its  
treasurer to  
issue its bonds,  
etc., for the  
construction of  
public parks.  
143 Mass., 546.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of constructing the parks established by the city of Boston, the city council of said city may, by a vote passed in the manner provided by section seven of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes, authorize its treasurer to issue, from time to time, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars each year, and to a total amount not exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars, negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness, payable in not exceeding fifty years from their date and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, to be denominated on the face thereof, Public Park Construction Loan.

Bonds to be  
sold and  
proceeds used  
for said  
purposes.

SECT. 2. Said treasurer shall sell said bonds and certificates, or any part thereof, from time to time, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of the said city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purposes aforesaid.

Park  
commissioners  
to expend  
amount  
received in  
construction  
of parks.

SECT. 3. Upon the passage of the said vote the board of park commissioners of said city shall without delay proceed with the construction of said parks, and shall carefully and judiciously expend the amounts aforesaid in such construction.

SECT. 4. The debt and loans authorized by this act shall not be included within the limit fixed by section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five. Loans authorized by this act to be outside debt limit.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 21, 1886.

[1875, 185; 1882, 168; 1887, 312; 1888, 392; 1890, 271, 444; 1891, 301.]

1886. — CHAPTER 351.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM CERTAIN AGREEMENTS FOR A SUPPLY OF WATER BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE AND CHELSEA, AND THE TOWN OF EVERETT.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The agreement signed by the Somerville Mystic water board claiming to act for the city of Somerville, and by the Boston water board claiming to act for the city of Boston, the agreement signed by the water commissioners of Chelsea claiming to act for the city of Chelsea, and by the Boston water board claiming to act for the city of Boston, and the agreement signed by the water committee of the town of Everett claiming to act for the town of Everett, and by the Boston water board claiming to act for the city of Boston, all said agreements to take effect on the first day of July in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and all being for a supply of water to be furnished by the city of Boston to the above named places, and their respective inhabitants, are hereby ratified and confirmed as contracts between said city of Boston and said other cities and towns as named in said agreements. Certain agreements of Boston water board confirmed.

SECT. 2. Whenever any petition is presented to the supreme judicial court for the appointment of commissioners as provided in section twelve of each of said agreements, the said court may appoint commissioners and act upon their award as therein provided. Supreme court may appoint commissioners as provided in agreements.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 30, 1886.

1886. — CHAPTER 354.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHAL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The governor of the Commonwealth by the advice and with the consent of the council shall appoint an officer to be known as the fire marshal of the city of Boston, who shall be a citizen of said city, to hold office for a term of three years from the date of his appointment, or until his successor is appointed. Said fire marshal may be removed at any time by the governor. Governor to appoint a fire marshal for city of Boston. Tenure of office. Removal.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of said fire marshal to examine into the cause, circumstances, and origin of fires occurring within the municipal district of Boston, by which any building, vessels, vehicles, or any valuable personal property shall be accidentally or unlawfully burned, destroyed, lost, or damaged wholly or partially; and to specially examine and decide whether the fire was the result of carelessness or the act of an incendiary. The said fire marshal shall, when Duties of fire marshal.



in his opinion said proceedings are necessary take the testimony on oath of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts or to have means of knowledge in relation to the matters herein required to be examined and inquired into, and cause the same to be reduced to writing, verified and transmitted to the district attorney of the County of Suffolk, and to the board of fire commissioners of the city of Boston. Said fire marshal shall report in writing to the owners of property, or other persons interested in the subject-matter of investigation, any facts and circumstances which he may have ascertained by such inquiries and investigation which shall in his opinion require attention from said person or persons, and it shall be the duty of said fire marshal, whenever he shall be of opinion that there is evidence sufficient to charge any person with the crime of arson, to cause such person to be arrested and charged with such offence, and furnish to the district attorney all the evidences of guilt, with the names of witnesses and all the information obtained by him, including a copy of all pertinent and material testimony taken in the case; and he shall specially report to the board of fire commissioners, as often as such board shall require, his proceedings and the progress made in all prosecutions for arson, and the result of all cases which are finally disposed of.

Special report  
to fire commis-  
sioners.

Fire marshal  
may subpoena  
witnesses, ad-  
minister oaths,  
etc.

SECT. 3. The fire marshal shall have power to subpoena witnesses and to compel their attendance before him in like manner and effect as trial justices to testify in relation to any matter which is, by the provisions of this act, a subject of inquiry and investigation by the said fire marshal. The said fire marshal shall be and is hereby authorized to administer and verify oaths and affirmations to persons appearing as witnesses before him, and false swearing in any matter or proceeding aforesaid shall be deemed perjury and shall be punishable as such. The said fire marshal shall have authority, at all times of the day or night, in performance of the duties imposed by the provisions of this act, to enter upon and examine any building or premises where any fire shall have occurred, and the buildings and premises adjoining and near to that in which the fire occurred.

Salary of fire  
marshal.

SECT. 4. The compensation of the fire marshal shall be a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, which shall be paid in monthly instalments by the treasurer of the city of Boston. Such salary and all expenses incurred by said fire marshal in making inquests for the purpose of determining the origin of fires, shall be included in the expenses of the County of Suffolk.

Fire commis-  
sioners may  
supervise and  
direct proceed-  
ings when  
necessary.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the city of Boston, to supervise and direct, whenever it shall be of opinion that the public interests will be subserved thereby, the investigations, examinations, and proceedings of said fire marshal, and make all needful and proper rules and regulations in relation to the duties of the office and the manner of performing the same and to determine the necessary expenses and to audit the accounts of said fire marshal.

Treasurer of  
Commonwealth  
to pay salary  
and expenses of  
fire marshal.  
1887, 231.

SECT. 6. On the first of May of each year, on presentation of proper vouchers and accounts, the treasurer of the Commonwealth shall pay to the treasurer of the city of Boston, the salary of the said fire marshal, and the expenses incurred during the year, in prosecuting his investigations in the manner above mentioned: *provided, however*, that the said payment made by the treasurer of the Commonwealth shall in no case exceed in amount twenty-five per cent. of the tax collected by the Commonwealth on premiums received by insurance companies for writing fire risks in the city of Boston during the preceding calendar year.

SECT. 7. The fire marshal shall submit each year in the month of May a detailed report of his official action to the city council of the city of Boston. Annual report of fire marshal to city council.

SECT. 8. All acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Repeal.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup> Subject to acceptance by city council.

June 30, 1886.

[1887, 231.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 60.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT INCORPORATING THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter one hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "The said trustees shall have the general care and control of the central public library in said city and of all branches thereof which have been or which may hereafter be established and the fixtures connected therewith and also of the expenditures of money appropriated therefor. Trustees to have care and control of library and its branches.

SECT. 2. The said board of trustees shall have full power and control of the design, construction, erection, and maintenance of the central public library building, to be erected in the city of Boston, and are hereby fully authorized and empowered to select and employ an architect or architects to design said building and supervise the construction and erection thereof, and a superintendent or superintendents to take charge of and approve the work; but work upon said building shall not be commenced until full general plans for the building shall have been prepared, and no specific work shall be commenced until the same shall have been duly advertised, proposals for doing such work shall have been received from responsible parties, and contracts have been entered into with satisfactory guarantees for their performance. Trustees to have control of construction of building.

SECT. 3. Said board shall semi-annually and whenever required by the mayor or city council, make and present in writing a particular report and a statement of all their acts and proceedings; and of the condition and progress of the work on said new building in process of erection by them. Semi-annual report.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 10, 1887.

[1889, 68, 379; 1891, 324.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 101.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE ISSUE OF BONDS FOR THE ERECTION OF THE COURT-HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Upon the request of the commissioners appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston in relation to the erection of a court- City to issue bonds not to exceed \$2,500,000.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted Oct. 6, 1886.

house for the County of Suffolk, it shall be the duty of said city from time to time to issue and negotiate the bonds or certificates of indebtedness described in section five of chapter three hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five to an amount not exceeding two and one-half millions of dollars in addition to the cost of the land. The commissioners may in their discretion expend the amount of the proceeds of said bonds for the purchase of land already taken but not paid for, and for the erection and furnishing of said court-house, but they shall not expend or contract to expend more than said amount, unless such excess of expenditure shall first have been authorized by the city council of Boston.

Not to be reckoned within the limit of indebtedness.

SECT. 2. Neither the indebtedness incurred under this act nor the expenditures and taxation necessary to meet the interest on and the principal of said indebtedness shall be reckoned or included in determining the authorized limit of indebtedness or rate of taxation of the city of Boston under the provisions of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 21, 1837.

[1835, 377.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 135.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF DOGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Licensing of dogs in Boston.

SECTION 1. Section eighty-four of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes is amended in the first line by striking out the words "chief of police of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words: "board of police for the city of Boston."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 31, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RESERVE POLICE FORCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Board of police for Boston may appoint a reserve police force.

SECTION 1. The board of police for the city of Boston may, from time to time as authorized by said city and under such rules as the civil service commissioners of the Commonwealth prescribe, appoint suitable persons to constitute a reserve police force for said city, who shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the board of police may from time to time prescribe, and who may be removed by said board for any reason satisfactory to it. Said board of police may assign the members of said reserve police force to duty in said city whenever and for such time as it shall deem necessary, and when on duty they shall have and exercise all the powers and duties held and exercised by the police of said city.

Appointments upon the regular force to be made from reserve.

SECT. 2. All appointments upon the regular police force of said city shall be made from the reserve police force, under such rules as the civil service commissioners of the Commonwealth may prescribe;

and service on the reserve police force for not less than six months shall be deemed to be equivalent to the probationary period now required by the rules of said commissioners.

SECT. 3. The members of the reserve police force shall be paid <sup>Compensation.</sup> by the city of Boston when on duty such compensation, not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per day, as the board of police may from time to time prescribe.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 14, 1887.

[1885, 323.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 178.

### AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PENSIONING MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of police for the city of Boston, by the affirmative vote of all the members and with the approval of the mayor, may retire from office any member of the police department <sup>Disabled members may be retired and pensioned.</sup> who has become disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or any member who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than fifteen consecutive years, and place the member so retired upon a pension-roll. No such member shall be placed on the pension-roll unless it shall be certified to the board in writing by the city physician that such member is permanently incapacitated either mentally or physically from performing his duty as a member of the department. In case of total permanent disability caused in or induced by the actual performance of his duty, the amount of annual pension shall be one-half of the annual compensation of the office from which he is so retired, or such less sum as the said board may determine. The pension of a member who has served fifteen or more consecutive years shall be an amount not exceeding one-third the annual salary or compensation of the office from which he is retired, as the said board may determine.

SECT. 2. If any member of the said police department shall die <sup>In case of death, annuity may be paid to widow, etc.</sup> from injuries received while in the discharge of his duty and shall leave a widow, or if no widow any child or children under the age of sixteen years, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars may be paid by said city as an annuity to such widow so long as she remains unmarried, or for the benefit of any such child or children so long as he or they continue under the age of sixteen years, and the board of police may from time to time determine the amount of such annuity within said limits.

SECT. 3. Section five of chapter two hundred and forty-four of <sup>Repeal.</sup> the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight is hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 14, 1887.

[1885, 323.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 210.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Number of  
members of the  
common council  
of the city of  
Boston estab-  
lished.

SECTION 1. At every annual municipal election hereafter held in the city of Boston, the qualified voters in the several wards shall bring in their votes by ballot for able and discreet men, qualified voters in their respective wards, to be members of the common council for the ensuing year, as follows: In ward one, for three members; in ward two, for three members; in ward three, for two members; in ward four, for two members; in ward five, for three members; in ward six, for two members; in ward seven, for two members; in ward eight, for two members; in ward nine, for two members; in ward ten, for three members; in ward eleven, for four members; in ward twelve, for three members; in ward thirteen, for three members; in ward fourteen, for four members; in ward fifteen, for three members; in ward sixteen, for three members; in ward seventeen, for three members; in ward eighteen, for three members; in ward nineteen, for three members; in ward twenty, for four members; in ward twenty-one, for three members; in ward twenty-two, for three members; in ward twenty-three, for three members; in ward twenty-four, for four members; and in ward twenty-five, for two members; and all the ballots, so given in each precinct, being sorted, counted, and declared, a public declaration of the result shall be made by the warden in open precinct meeting; and a record of such proceedings shall be kept by the clerk in his journal, stating the number of ballots given for each person, written in words at length.

Repeal.

SECT. 2. Section two of chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five is hereby repealed.

Subject to  
acceptance by  
the city council

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

April 20, 1887.

[1888, 175; 1891, 88.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 231.

## AN ACT IN REFERENCE TO THE OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHAL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Fire marshal of  
city of Boston.  
Amendment to  
1886, 354, § 6.

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter three hundred and fifty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six is amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 6.* On the first of May of each year, on the presentation of proper vouchers and accounts, the treasurer of the Commonwealth shall pay to the treasurer of the city of Boston the salary of the said fire marshal, and the expenses incurred during the preceding calendar year in prosecuting his investigations in the manner above mentioned; but the total amount of such salary and expenses which such fire marshal may incur shall not exceed twenty-five per cent. of the tax collected by the Commonwealth on premiums received by insurance companies for writing fire risks in the city of Boston during the preceding calendar year.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 27, 1887.

[1886, 354.]

<sup>1</sup> This act has not been accepted.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 234.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE MATRONS IN CITIES,  
AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR WOMEN  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. In every city of the Commonwealth having a population of over thirty thousand inhabitants as shown by the last state or national census, except the city of Boston, the mayor shall within one month after the passage of this act designate one or more police stations as the station or stations for the detention and confinement of all women under arrest within such city; and in any other city of the Commonwealth, except the city of Boston, the mayor may, and in the city of Boston the board of police may, so designate at any time one or more police stations. Such mayor or board of police may at any time so designate any additional station or stations, or may declare any station or stations to be no longer so designated, provided that at least one such station shall always remain so designated, except in the city of Boston. The board of police in the city of Boston, and the mayor in any other city, shall have the sole power to appoint, and shall appoint as soon as may be after any station has been designated as above provided, either one or two police matrons to be attached to such station.

Police matrons to be appointed in cities of over thirty thousand inhabitants.

SECT. 2. No woman shall be appointed a police matron unless suitable for the position, and recommended therefor in writing by at least ten women of good standing, residents of the city in which the appointment is made. Police matrons shall be appointed to hold office until removal, and they may be removed at any time by the authority appointing them by written order stating the cause of removal. Upon the death, resignation, or removal of a police matron her successor shall be appointed as soon as may be. A police matron shall receive a reasonable salary or pay, which shall be fixed, except in the city of Boston, by the city council of the city in which she is appointed; in the city of Boston the salary of a police matron shall be fixed by the concurrent action of the city council and of the board of police, and paid by the city treasurer upon the requisition of said board. Where only one police matron is attached to a station she shall reside within a reasonable distance of such station, and shall hold herself in readiness to respond to any call therefrom at any hour of the day or night. Where two police matrons are attached to a station the respective hours during which they shall respond to calls therefrom shall be so fixed by the authority appointing them that one or the other of them shall be ready to respond at all hours of the day and night; and each such matron shall, during the hours so fixed for her, remain within a reasonable distance of such station, and hold herself in readiness to respond to any call therefrom. So long as any woman is detained or held under arrest in a police station to which a matron or matrons is or are attached, it shall be the duty of such matron, or one of such matrons, to remain constantly thereat ready for service. A police matron shall have the entire care and charge of all women held under arrest in the station to which she is attached, and she may at any time call upon the officer in command of such station for assistance; she shall be subject to the authority at the head of the police department of the city in which she serves, and to the rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this act, prescribed by such authority; but she shall not be subject to the control

To be recommended for appointment by women in good standing.

Matrons to have entire care of women held under arrest.

or direction of any police officer attached to a station excepting the officer in command thereof at the time. In every station to which a police matron is attached it shall be the duty of the authority appointing her to provide, at the expense of the city, sufficient and proper accommodation for women held under arrest.

House of detention in city of Boston to be established by the board of police.

SECT. 3. In the city of Boston the board of police shall establish within three months after the passage of this act, and shall maintain, a house of detention for the reception and confinement of women under arrest; and for that purpose said board shall have the authority to hire, lease, alter, and arrange a building or buildings, and to fit up the same in a suitable manner. Reasonable salaries for the officers and assistants of such house of detention hereinafter provided for shall be fixed by concurrent action of the city council and of said board of police, and such salaries, together with all expenses incurred for the establishment of such house of detention, for the maintenance of the same, and for the transportation of prisoners thereto and therefrom, shall be paid by the city treasurer of said city of Boston upon the requisition of said board. Said board of police may prescribe all needful rules and regulations not inconsistent with this act, for the government of such house of detention. The officers of such house of detention shall consist of a chief matron, an assistant chief matron, and as many assistant matrons and other male or female assistants as said board of police may deem necessary for the proper management of the same. The chief matron and assistant chief matron shall be appointed by the board of police, but no woman shall be so appointed unless suitable for the position and recommended therefor in writing by at least twenty-five women of good standing, residents of the city of Boston; they shall be appointed to hold office until removal, and they may be removed at any time by said board by written order stating the cause of removal. The assistant matrons and other assistants shall be appointed, and may be suspended, by the chief matron, subject to the approval of said board of police. Either the chief matron or the assistant chief matron shall be on duty at all hours of the day and night. A police officer who takes a woman to such house of detention shall render such assistance in placing her under confinement as the chief matron or assistant chief matron may require, and the chief matron or assistant chief matron may at any time send to the nearest police station for such police assistance as she may require.

Matron, assistant matron and female assistants.

Matron to be summoned to police station when a woman is arrested.

SECT. 4. Whenever a woman is arrested and taken to a police station to which a matron is attached, it shall be the duty of the police officer in command of such station to cause such matron to be summoned forthwith, if she is not then present; and whenever in any city in which a police matron has been appointed, or in the city of Boston, a woman is arrested and taken to a station to which no matron is attached, it shall be the duty of such officer to cause such woman to be removed as soon as possible to the nearest station to which a matron is attached, or in the city of Boston to the house of detention above provided for, and the city treasurer of the city shall pay the reasonable expense of such removal, upon the requisition of the authority at the head of the police department of the city. In the city of Boston the board of police shall make regulations prescribing the police divisions from which all women arrested shall be taken or sent directly to said house of detention, without confinement in a police station, and the disposition that shall be made, in compliance with the provisions of this act, of women arrested in the other police divisions to whose stations no matron is attached. No

such removal of a woman shall operate to take from any court any jurisdiction which it would otherwise have had.

SECT. 5. The expression "police station" or "station" in this act shall include any place where persons are temporarily confined under arrest; the expression "woman" shall include any person of the female sex. "Police station," "station" and "woman" defined.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 27, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 237.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER AND THE MANAGEMENT OF  
CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Thomas F. Temple, Herbert S. Carruth, Albe C. Clark, J. Frank Howland, and William Pope, proprietors of lots in Cedar Grove cemetery, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions which now are or may hereafter be in force relating to such corporations, except as is hereinafter provided. The proprietors of Cedar Grove cemetery incorporated.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may purchase, acquire, receive, and hold real estate in that part of the city of Boston which was formerly Dorchester, to the extent of sixty acres; and said corporation may also hold personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars. Real and personal estate.

SECT. 3. All persons now owning lots in said cemetery, or who shall hereafter become proprietors of lots therein, shall be and become members of said corporation. Owners of lots to become members of corporation.

SECT. 4. The officers of said corporation shall consist of seven trustees, a treasurer, and a secretary, and such other officers as they may direct. The same person may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer. The secretary shall be clerk of the board of trustees. The five persons now commissioners of Cedar Grove cemetery under the provisions of an act passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, entitled "An act relating to a public cemetery in the town of Dorchester," and the acts in addition thereto, shall respectively be and remain trustees under this act until three years after the expiration of their respective terms of service under the aforesaid acts; and at the first annual meeting of said corporation two additional trustees of said corporation shall be chosen, one of whom shall hold his office for one year, and the other shall hold his office for two years from the time of such election. All vacancies in said board of trustees shall be filled by elections by ballot. At the annual meeting in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, one trustee shall be chosen, who shall hold his office for the term of seven years. At every annual meeting thereafter one trustee shall be chosen to hold his office for the term of seven years after his election. And the said trustees shall have the general management, care, and superintendence of the property, expenditures, business and prudential affairs of said corporation, and of the sales of lots in said cemetery, and shall make a report of their doings to the corporation at its annual meeting. The treasurer shall give such bonds as the trustees may direct. In case of a vacancy in said board of trustees by death, res- Commissioners to be trustees, etc.  
Vacancies.  
Treasurer to give bonds.



ignation, removal, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the choice of another trustee, who shall hold his office for the residue of the term for which such member, so deceased, resigned, or removed, would have held the same. And such election may be made at any annual or special meeting of said corporation. Said trustees shall not receive any compensation for their services as such trustees.

City of Boston  
to convey to  
corporation all  
property,  
rights, etc.

SECT. 5. The city of Boston is hereby authorized and required to transfer and convey, immediately upon the organization of this corporation, to said corporation all the right, title, and interest which it has in the lands which have been purchased or set apart for said cemetery, and in and to all other estate, property, rights, and things purchased or otherwise obtained, acquired, and accrued to said cemetery, and within the territory aforesaid, which said city now has or is entitled to have, and in and to any and all moneys standing to the credit of said cemetery upon the books of the city of Boston, and all other rights, interests, moneys, and trust funds relating to said cemetery. And said corporation shall hold the said property, estate, and rights for the same uses and purposes, and charged with the same duties and liabilities for and subject to which the same are now held by the city of Boston; and all rights which any persons have acquired in said cemetery shall remain valid to the same extent as if this act had not been passed.

Annual meet-  
ings.

SECT. 6. The annual meetings of said corporation shall be held on the fourth Monday of April in each year, at such place in the city of Boston as the trustees shall direct, and notices thereof, signed by the secretary, shall be published in one or more of the newspapers printed in Boston at least seven days before the meeting; special meetings may be called by order of the trustees in the same manner. At all meetings of said corporation a quorum for business shall consist of not less than nine persons, and any business may be transacted of which notice shall be given in the advertisements for the meeting, and all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present and represented, and voting either in person or by proxy.

Upon convey-  
ance made, cor-  
poration to suc-  
ceed to all  
rights, etc.

SECT. 7. As soon as said city of Boston shall have made the conveyance and transfer of said property as aforesaid, said corporation shall succeed to all the rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, obligations, and liabilities in respect to the same, which said city of Boston had or was liable to before such conveyance, and the trustees herein provided for, shall have all the rights, powers, authorities, trusts, immunities, and privileges which the said commissioners under the said act, entitled "An act relating to a public cemetery in the town of Dorchester," and the acts in addition thereto had, and after such conveyance the last named commissioners shall cease to have any power or authority under the said act, but shall have and hold their power and authority under this act. And said trustees shall have the authority to grant and convey to any person or persons by deeds duly executed the sole and exclusive rights of burial and of erecting tombs, cenotaphs, and other monuments in any of the designated lots or subdivisions of said cemetery, upon such terms and conditions as they by their rules and regulations shall from time to time prescribe; and said trustees may from time to time make such rules and regulations in regard to the mode and manner in which the proprietors shall exercise the rights granted to them in their respective lots or subdivisions of land in said cemetery as to them shall seem fit, the same not being inconsistent with this act or the laws of this Commonwealth relating to such cemeteries, and such regulations shall be binding upon all proprietors in the same.

Trustees to  
make rules and  
regulations.

SECT. 8. Said board of trustees are hereby authorized to take and hold any grant, donation, or bequest of property upon trust to apply the same or the income thereof for the improvement or embellishment of said cemetery or for the erection, repair, preservation, or renewal of any monument, fence, or other erection, or for the planting and cultivation of trees, shrubs, or plants in or around any lot, or for improving said premises in any other manner or form consistent with the purposes for which said cemetery is established according to the terms of such grant, donation, or bequest; and whenever any such grant, donation, or bequest, or any deposit of any money shall be made by the proprietor of any lot in said cemetery, for the annual repair, preservation, or embellishment of such lot and the erections thereon, the said trustees may give to such proprietor or his representative an agreement or obligation in such form and upon such conditions as they may establish, binding themselves and their successors to preserve and keep in repair said lot forever, or for any such period as may be agreed upon. And any sums of money so received by said trustees shall be, and any other funds in their hands may be by them invested in savings banks, and in any securities in which savings banks are authorized to invest. And unless other provision is made by the terms of any such grant, donation, or bequest, all such sums and property shall be under the direction of said board of trustees, and the income of such fund or funds shall be appropriated by said board of trustees in such manner as shall in their opinion best promote the purposes for which said grants, donations, bequests, or deposits are made; but said board of trustees shall not be liable to make any renewal or reconstruction of any monument or other erection on any lot in said cemetery, unless such liability shall be expressed in the agreement given by them as aforesaid, or in the terms and conditions under which they accept any grant, donation, or bequest.

Trustees may take and hold donation, etc., of property in trust.

Investment of funds.

SECT. 9. All personal property now belonging to said cemetery, and the proceeds of all sales of lots in lands now held or hereafter to be acquired by said cemetery, shall be forever devoted and applied to the preservation, improvement, embellishment, protection, and enlargement of said cemetery, and the incidental expenses thereof, and to no other purpose.

Proceeds of sales, etc., to be applied to improvement and protection of cemetery.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage so far as to authorize the commissioners to call the meeting hereafter mentioned, and for the proprietors to act upon the acceptance of the same; and it shall take full effect whenever the proprietors of lots in said cemetery shall, within sixty days after the passage of this act, accept the same at a meeting of such proprietors to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the commissioners of Cedar Grove cemetery, who shall be in office at the time of the passage of this act. Said meeting shall be called by the said commissioners, to be held at some suitable place within the city of Boston, by publishing notices of the time, place, and purpose thereof, once in each of two successive weeks, in two or more newspapers published in said city, the last of which publications shall be at least seven days before said meeting.

To take full effect upon acceptance.

SECT. 11. If this act shall be accepted at the meeting of said proprietors mentioned in the preceding section, by the votes of the majority of said proprietors present or represented at said meeting, voting in person or by proxy, the meeting for the organization of said corporation, and the annual meeting of said corporation for the present year, shall be held at the same place and on the same day with the said meeting mentioned in the preceding section, and immediately after the acceptance of this act, and such notice of the said

Annual meeting.

meeting for organizing said corporation, and of said annual meeting shall be given by said commissioners as they shall deem expedient; and the trustees elected at such annual meeting shall hold their offices, one for one year and one for two years from the first Monday of May of the present year.

May 2, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 274.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CLERK FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Clerk to be appointed.

SECTION 1. There shall be a clerk of the municipal court of the West Roxbury district of the city of Boston, who shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of law relating to the appointment of clerks of police and district courts, who shall enter upon his duties on the first day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Salary.

SECT. 2. Said clerk shall receive from the county of Suffolk an annual salary of five hundred dollars.

Subject to law governing clerks of police, etc., courts.

SECT. 3. Said clerk shall be subject to all the provisions of law applicable to clerks of police and district courts.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 14, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 276.

AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION TWENTY-THREE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR OF THE PUBLIC STATUTES IN RELATION TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSPECTORS OF FACTORIES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Inspectors of factories, etc. Amendment to P.S. 104, § 23.

SECTION 1. Section twenty-three of chapter one hundred and four of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "The authority of the inspectors mentioned in section thirteen of this chapter to enforce the provisions of sections fourteen to twenty-two inclusive shall not extend to the city of Boston."

Repeal.

SECT. 2. Chapter two hundred and nineteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 16, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 281.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE, RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL DEBT OF AND RATE OF TAXATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Limit of taxation in the city of Boston.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is

hereby amended by inserting after the word "tax" in the second line, the words, "and county tax not exceeding four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 17, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 282.

AN ACT IN FURTHER AMENDMENT OF AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A BRIDGE OVER CHARLES RIVER.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of Boston for the time being, the mayor of the city of Cambridge for the time being, and one discreet person to be appointed by them, who shall hold his office until removed by the concurrent action of both of said mayors, shall constitute a board of commissioners, and in case said mayors fail to appoint said third commissioner, upon the request of either of them, the governor by and with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint said third commissioner, and said board is hereby authorized and required to construct a bridge and avenue across Charles river, between West Chester park, in Boston, and Front street extended, in Cambridge, substantially in accordance with plans prepared by the city engineer of the city of Boston, dated December, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and approved by the city councils of said cities; subject, however, to the approval of said plans by the board of harbor and land commissioners, and subject to the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, except so far as said acts are modified by this act; and it shall be the duty of each of said cities to raise, and, upon the requisition of said commissioners, to pay one-half of the expenses incurred in building said bridge and avenue between the harbor lines as now established by law on said river, including the draw and draw-piers.

Bridge across Charles river, between Cambridge and Boston.  
153 Mass., 161.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston, in order to defray its share of the cost of building said bridge, is authorized to raise not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, by loan, in excess of the limit prescribed by law.

Boston may borrow money in excess of limit allowed by law.

SECT. 3. Said commissioners, with the approval of the boards of aldermen of the two cities, and of the board of harbor and land commissioners, and subject to the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, may change, alter, and modify the plans of said bridge.

Plans of bridge may be changed.

SECT. 4. The boards of aldermen of said cities may by concurrent vote authorize the running of street cars over said bridge, and may set apart a portion of said bridge for the special use of street cars on such conditions, and subject to such regulations as said boards may adopt.

Running of street cars over bridge.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 18, 1887.

[1882, 155; 1885, 129; 1888, 302; 1889, 254; 1890, 338.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 312.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN FOR THE PAYMENT FOR LANDS HERETOFORE ACQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PARKS IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May issue bonds, etc., to amount of \$400,000.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of paying for the lands heretofore acquired by the city of Boston for public parks, the city council of said city may, by a vote passed in the manner provided by section seven of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes, authorize its treasurer to issue, from time to time, to the amount of four hundred thousand dollars, negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness, payable in not exceeding fifty years from their date, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to be denominated on the face thereof Public Park Loan.

May sell bonds from time to time.

SECT. 2. Said treasurer shall sell said bonds and certificates, or any part thereof, from time to time, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of said city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purpose aforesaid.

Not to be included within limit. 1885, 178, § 2.

SECT. 3. The debt and loans authorized by this act shall not be included within the limit fixed by section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 26, 1887.

[1875, 185; 1882, 168; 1886, 304; 1888, 392; 1890, 271, 444; 1891, 301.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 325.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A POLICE SIGNAL SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Board of police may provide a police signal system in Boston.

SECTION 1. The board of police for the city of Boston is hereby authorized to introduce and maintain in the several police divisions of said city an electric signal and telephonic system, and to provide such patrol wagons, horses, equipments, and accommodations for the same as in the opinion of said board may be necessary for the purpose.

May draw money from the city to meet the expense.

SECT. 2. The said board of police is hereby authorized to draw from time to time upon the city treasurer of Boston for the money required to meet the expense of carrying out the provisions of the foregoing section, to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, and the city treasurer shall pay the same out of the receipts for liquor license fees which remain in the treasury of the city after the provisions of section fourteen of chapter one hundred of the Public Statutes have been complied with. The annual expense of maintaining said signal system shall be paid by the city treasurer upon the requisition of said board.

May attach wires to posts and structures.

SECT. 3. The board of police is hereby authorized to attach the wires and fixtures used in the police service to any posts and structures now erected or that may be hereafter erected in the city of Boston for the support of wires used in the transmission of electricity: *provided, however*, that such wires and fixtures shall not be

Provided.

attached to poles and structures belonging to the fire alarm department except by consent of the fire commissioners; and shall have the same privileges in respect to underground wires that are now or may be hereafter enjoyed by other departments of the public service.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 31, 1887.

[1885, 823; 1888, 402.]

# 1887. — CHAPTER 327.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ASSISTANT CLERK FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE SOUTH BOSTON DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF SAID ASSISTANT CLERK.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district, in the city of Boston, may appoint an assistant clerk, subject to the approval of the justices of said court or a majority of them, and said clerk shall be responsible for the doings of said assistant clerk and may remove him at pleasure. Said assistant clerk shall be sworn properly to perform the duties of his office, and his salary shall be six hundred dollars, which shall be paid in the same manner as the salary of said clerk is now paid. Said assistant clerk shall have all the powers in said court that the first assistant clerk has in the municipal court of the city of Boston.

Assistant clerk for the municipal court of the South Boston district may be appointed.

Salary.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 31, 1887.

# 1887. — CHAPTER 331.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE TO LAY AND MAINTAIN A COMMON SEWER IN CHESTNUT STREET AND POND AVENUE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The selectmen of the town of Brookline are hereby authorized to lay and maintain a common sewer which shall extend from any point in Chestnut street in said town through a part of Chestnut street and Pond avenue in ward twenty-two in the city of Boston, to connect with a common sewer in Pond avenue in said town.

May lay and maintain a common sewer.

SECT. 2. All provisions of law now applicable to the assessment and collection of sewer assessments in said town of Brookline shall apply in said town to the sewer constructed under this act and to all sewers connected therewith, and the right of said selectmen to levy, and of the officers of said town to collect, all such assessments on property in said town shall not be impaired by reason of the fact that said sewer or a portion thereof lies within the limits of the city of Boston.

Assessment and collection of sewer assessments.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 31, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 374.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY BRIDGE  
ACROSS CHELSEA CREEK IN THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CHELSEA.*Be it enacted, etc. :*Public highway  
bridge across  
Chelsea creek.

SECTION 1. The cities of Boston and Chelsea, or either of said cities, may, subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes and of all acts in addition or amendment thereof, build and maintain a public highway bridge across Chelsea creek, connecting the westerly end of Breed's island in the city of Boston with the city of Chelsea. Said bridge shall have a convenient draw of not less than forty feet in width for the passage of vessels.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 8, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 394.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BORROW MONEY FOR  
THE EXTENSION OF STONY-BROOK SEWER.*Be it enacted, etc. :*May borrow  
\$75,000 in excess  
of limit for  
Stony-brook  
sewer.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston for the purpose of paying for the construction of a sewer in continuation of the present Stony-brook sewer in Pyncheon and Tremont streets, may issue bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars in excess of the limit now prescribed by law, at such rate of interest and for such period not exceeding fifty years from their issue as said city may determine; and may authorize its treasurer to sell the same from time to time, and apply the proceeds thereof to the purpose aforesaid.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 11, 1887.

[1887, 428.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 398.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELOCATION AND WIDENING OF  
CHARLES-RIVER BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.*Be it enacted, etc. :*City may make  
new location of  
Charles-river  
bridge.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may make such changes in the location of Charles-river bridge and the approaches thereto, or of any part thereof, as, in the judgment of the street commissioners of said city, the public convenience and necessity may require. In any new location so made, said city may reconstruct the present bridge and approaches, or may construct a new bridge and approaches, with a width in either case not exceeding one hundred feet. Said city may also construct on the sides of said bridge such fender-guards, draw-piers, and other structures, extending outside said limit of width, as may be necessary for the protection of said bridge, and for the convenient operation of the draw therein, and for the prompt and safe passage of vessels through the same. Said

city shall continue to maintain said bridge and approaches as a public highway upon any new location so made.

SECT. 2. All the right, title, and interest of the Commonwealth in and to the Charles-river bridge, the approaches thereto, and the materials of which it is composed, are hereby transferred to the city of Boston. Said city and its assigns may also continue to cover with the present solid and pile structures, and to use for any lawful purpose without compensation therefor, so much of the tide-water lands of the Commonwealth lying on both sides of said river within the harbor lines now established by law, as are covered by the present bridge and its approaches and are not included in the new location thereof; but so much of said bridge and its appurtenances as lies outside of and between said harbor lines, and is not covered by the new location thereof, shall be discontinued and removed by said city.

Rights of the Commonwealth transferred to the city of Boston.

SECT. 3. In the exercise of the powers granted by this act, said city shall be subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes and all other general laws applicable thereto.

City subject to provisions of P. S. 19 and of general laws.

SECT. 4. Said city may acquire by purchase or take such lands and other property as it may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and shall file from time to time in the registry of deeds for the County of Suffolk, and cause to be recorded therein, a description of any land so taken as certain as is required in an ordinary conveyance of land, with a statement signed by the mayor of said city, that the same is taken under and for the purposes set forth in this act; and the act and time of the filing thereof shall be deemed to be the act and time of the taking of such land, and notice to all persons that the same has been so taken. Said city shall be liable to pay all damages sustained by any person in his property by reason of the taking of any land or other property as aforesaid, and, if not settled by agreement or arbitration, the same may be assessed by a jury at the bar of the superior court for the county of Suffolk, upon petition to be filed by such person within one year after such taking and not afterwards, in the same manner as damages are assessed for the taking of lands for highways in said city.

May take or purchase lands and file description thereof in the registry of deeds.

Liability for damages.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 11, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 413.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WEST END STREET RAILWAY COMPANY AND CERTAIN OTHER STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES TO LEASE AND TO PURCHASE AND HOLD THE PROPERTY, RIGHTS, AND FRANCHISES OF EACH OTHER, AND TO UNITE AND CONSOLIDATE WITH EACH OTHER AND CERTAIN OTHER STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES, AND TO LOCATE AND CONSTRUCT TUNNELS, AND TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE CABLE AND ELECTRIC SYSTEMS OF MOTIVE POWER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The West End Street Railway Company and each of the other street railway companies now authorized to run cars in or into the city of Boston, and each corporation formed by consolidation as herein provided, may unite and consolidate with any or all said companies, and may purchase and hold the whole or any part of the property, rights and franchises of any or all of the same; and each

The West End Street Railway Company and each of the other street railways in Boston may unite and consolidate.



Terms and conditions to be agreed upon by a majority of the stockholders.

Rates of fare not to be increased.

MAY ISSUE preferred stock not exceeding \$6,400,000.

of said companies may lease, sell, convey, and assign to said West End Street Railway Company, or to any other of said companies now existing or hereafter formed by consolidation under this act, the whole or any part of its property, rights, or franchises, and may unite and consolidate with said West End Street Railway Company, or any corporation formed by consolidation as aforesaid, or with any street railway company now authorized to run cars in or into the city of Boston; but such leases, purchases, sales, and consolidations shall be only upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon in the first instance by the directors and then by a majority in interest of the stockholders of each corporation at meetings of the stockholders of each corporation called for that purpose and approved by the board of railroad commissioners; and in every case of purchase, by one corporation of the entire property, rights, and franchises of another or others as aforesaid, the corporation purchasing shall have, hold, possess, exercise, and enjoy all the locations, powers, privileges, rights, franchises, property, and estates which, at the time of such purchase, shall be had, held, possessed, or enjoyed by the corporation or corporations selling, or either or any of them, and shall be subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities to which they, or either or any of them, shall then be subject; and in every case of consolidation as aforesaid the corporations uniting shall constitute a new corporation under such name as shall be agreed upon in the manner and at the meetings aforesaid; but the calling of the first meeting of said new corporation, and the management of its business until the election of officers shall be provided for in its articles of consolidation; and every corporation formed by consolidation as aforesaid shall have, hold, possess, exercise, and enjoy all the locations, powers, privileges, rights, franchises, property and estates which, at the time of said union, shall be had, held, possessed, or enjoyed by the corporations uniting, or either or any of them, and shall be subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities to which they, or either or any of them, shall then be subject, and to all general laws then or thereafter in force relating to street railway companies, except as provided in this act: *provided*, that any street railway company created under this act shall not be permitted to increase the rates of fares to an amount exceeding that charged upon the different routes at the date of the passage of this act.

SECT. 2. Said West End Street Railway Company and any corporation formed by consolidation with said company, under section one of this act, may, having been first authorized to do so by a vote of a majority in interest of its stockholders at a meeting called for that purpose, issue from time to time its preferred stock to an amount not exceeding six million four hundred thousand dollars at par, with shares of the par value of fifty dollars each; and the holders of such preferred stock shall, in preference and priority over the common and all other stock of the corporation, forever be entitled to semi-annual dividends, to be paid out of the net profits of the corporation, not to exceed, however, eight per centum per annum, which shall be determined at such meeting, which dividends shall be cumulative, but shall not be entitled to participate in any increase or issue of new stock, common or preferred, which may at any time be made by said corporation; and such preferred stock shall have the same power of voting and transfer as said common stock, and shall be counted with said common stock in all questions of majorities and quorums, and may be issued in exchange, share for share or upon such other terms as may be agreed upon, for the stock of the other street railway corporations now, or under the provisions of this act, authorized to run cars in or

into the city of Boston, upon the surrender and transfer of said stock of said other street railway corporations by the holders thereof; and all of said stock of said other street railway corporations acquired in exchange for such preferred stock as aforesaid shall at once be deposited with such trust company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, and having its principal place of business in said city of Boston, as shall be selected by the directors of said West End Street Railway Company, or the consolidated corporation acquiring the same; and said stock of said other street railway corporations shall be held by said trust company and its successors, with the power and upon the trust to vote upon the same in all matters, as requested by said directors, until all of the shares of said other street railway corporations respectively shall have been received by it; and when, and as often as, all the shares of any one of said other street railway corporations shall have been so received by it, the same shall be cancelled, and thereupon all the locations, powers, privileges, rights, franchises, property, and estates of said corporations shall belong to, and become and be vested in said West End Street Railway Company, or the consolidated corporation acquiring the same, without any further or other conveyance, assignment, or transfer, and said West End Street Railway Company, or said consolidated corporation, shall be subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities to which said other corporation shall then be subject; and said trust company shall have no power to sell or transfer any of said stock acquired by it in exchange for such preferred stock. Any part of the amount of preferred stock hereby authorized may be issued for cash at not less than its par value, for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the purchase of any of the property, rights, and franchises which said corporation is hereby authorized to acquire or purchase, said stock to be disposed of as provided in sections fifty-eight and fifty-nine of chapter one hundred and twelve of the Public Statutes: *provided, however,* that no more preferred stock shall be issued under this act than the present amount of the capital stock of the railways which shall be consolidated or united under the provisions of the first section hereof nor than shall be necessary in amount to replace the common stock which shall be retired or exchanged for such preferred stock in such proportions as shall be agreed upon between the contracting corporations; and no such preferred stock shall be issued except for the purpose of acquiring the stock of such other corporations; but in case the property, rights, and franchises of any corporation shall be purchased or acquired hereunder for such an amount of said preferred stock at its par value as shall be less than the capital of the corporation so purchased or acquired the amount of preferred stock thus saved in the exchange may be used and issued for the purpose of acquiring in part any other of said street railway companies.

Any part of preferred stock may be issued for cash for purpose of purchasing property, franchises, etc.

Proviso.

SECT. 3. Said West End Street Railway Company, and any corporation formed by consolidation under section one of this act, may, from time to time, increase its capital stock as provided by the laws of this Commonwealth, and also to such an amount as the board of railroad commissioners may determine to be necessary or expedient to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and the par value of shares of the capital stock of said company shall be fifty dollars each.

May increase capital stock.

SECT. 4. Said West End Street Railway Company, and any corporation formed by consolidation under this act, or authorized to run cars in or into the city of Boston, may, with the consent of the board of aldermen of the city, or the selectmen of the town, in which such action is contemplated, establish and maintain the cable and electric systems of motive power, or either of them; and having first obtained

May maintain the cable and electric systems of motive power.

permission from the board of aldermen of such city or the selectmen of such town, and the railroad commissioners, may make such underground and surface alterations of the street in which its tracks shall be located, as may be necessary to establish and maintain such cable and electric systems of motive power or either of them.

May construct and maintain one or more tunnels under streets and under public and private lands.

Proceedings to be had before tunnel is constructed.

SECT. 5. Said West End Street Railway Company, or any corporation formed by consolidation therewith under the provisions of this act, may, from time to time, for the purpose of furnishing to the public better street railway accommodation, with the consent of the board of aldermen and of the board of railroad commissioners, to be given as hereinafter provided, locate, construct, and maintain one or more tunnels between convenient points in said city in one or more directions under the squares, streets, ways, and places, except as hereinafter provided, and under public and private lands, estates, and premises in said city, with the necessary approaches and access thereto, and with suitable tracks, side tracks, turn-outs, switches, turn-tables, depots, stations, and waiting-rooms, and for that purpose may, from time to time, take by purchase or otherwise, and hold such lands or interest therein and such rights of way and easements therein as may be necessary therefor, and for the proper construction, maintenance, lighting, ventilating, and use of said tunnels, depots, stations, and waiting-rooms and the necessary approaches and access thereto, but only in the manner and upon the terms hereinafter specified. Before any such tunnel shall be constructed or any work thereon shall be begun, and before the taking of any lands, rights, easements, or interest therein under this act, said corporation shall prepare a plan of the proposed location of said tunnel on an appropriate scale, with an accurate profile thereof on a vertical scale of ten to one as compared with the horizontal scale, and showing also the grades and levels of the surface of the land over the same, and the length, width, height, and manner of construction proposed, sufficiently complete and detailed to enable a competent engineer to construct the same and to determine the sufficiency and security thereof, and shall procure the report of a skilful engineer, based on actual examination and survey, showing the feasibility of the construction proposed, and approving thereof, which plan and report, with a petition for the approval thereof, shall be filed with the board of aldermen of the city of Boston and the board of railroad commissioners; and if the said board of aldermen and the board of railroad commissioners, after such public hearing and notice to parties interested as they shall severally direct, shall approve said plan and location, or any such amended plan and location as may be adopted by said corporation and approved by said boards, they shall sign and give to the said corporation a certificate thereof, which shall be taken as their consent to the location, construction, and maintenance of said tunnel as herein required. Said tunnel or tunnels, when completed, shall be for the use and under the control of said West End Street Railway Company or other corporation constructing the same for the running of street cars; and the same may be extended or enlarged from time to time in the same manner as is herein provided for their original construction.

Declaration of taking land, etc., with full plan and description to be filed in registry of deeds.

SECT. 6. Said corporation shall at the time of taking, otherwise than by purchase, any land or right of way or easement or other interest therein, file in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk a declaration of such taking and a full and specific plan and description thereof, sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same is so taken, which description and statement shall be signed by the President of the corporation, and thereupon said taking shall be complete; and the

corporation shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person or corporation by reason of the taking of any such lands or right of way, easement, or other interest therein, or by reason of the construction and maintenance of said tunnel; such damages to be ascertained, determined, and recovered upon the application of either party, in the manner provided for ascertaining, determining, and recovering damages in the case of laying out, constructing, and maintaining railroads within the city of Boston and the taking of lands and materials therefor; and said corporation shall give security for all such damages and for costs, if required, in the like manner as is provided in case of such laying out of railroads in said city.

SECT. 7. No location shall be granted upon and no tunnel shall be constructed under Boston Common under this act.

Tunnel not to be constructed under Boston Common.

SECT. 8. No location and no alteration or revocation of location of a street railway, and no authority to run cars over or use the tracks of another street railway, whether surface or elevated, in the cities of Boston, Cambridge, or in the town of Brookline, shall hereafter be valid until approved by the board of railroad commissioners. Nothing herein contained shall affect any proceeding now pending before the mayor and board of aldermen of the city of Cambridge.

Location not to be valid until approved by the railroad commissioners.

SECT. 9. The acceptance, by the association for the formation of said West End Street Railway Company, of the location granted to said association on the twenty-eighth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, by the selectmen of the town of Brookline, which has heretofore been filed by said association and accepted by said selectmen, shall, to all intents and purposes, be deemed to have been filed on the twelfth day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and shall have the same force and effect as if then filed.

Acceptance of location, etc.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 15, 1887.

## 1887. — CHAPTER 427.

AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE AREA FOR THE PROPOSED MARINE PARK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, BETWEEN SOUTH BOSTON AND CASTLE ISLAND.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred and sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby so amended that the board of park commissioners of the city of Boston, subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes, excepting so much of section sixteen of said chapter nineteen as requires the payment into the treasury of compensation for the rights and privileges hereby granted in land of the Commonwealth, may make such excavation and filling, and erect and maintain such structures, in and over the area of tide-water at or near Dorchester point in South Boston, which lies south of a line drawn parallel to and three hundred feet distant northerly from the northerly line of East First street extended easterly to Castle island, and east of the westerly line of Q street extended northerly to an intersection with said parallel line and southerly into Old Harbor, as the said board may deem necessary or desirable for the purposes of a public park in accordance with the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Area of marine park of Boston may be extended.

Lands of the Commonwealth occupied to be used solely for a park.

SECT. 2. All lands of the Commonwealth which are occupied or enclosed under the provisions of this act shall be appropriated to and used solely for the purposes of a public park.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 16, 1887.

[1875, 185; 1885, 360; 1889, 438.]

## 1887. — CHAPTER 428.

### AN ACT RELATING TO STONY BROOK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

May make a new channel for Stony brook.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of preventing the over-flow of Stony brook between the Tremont-street crossing of the Boston and Providence railroad and the Back Bay park of the city of Boston, said city may alter the course of, and make a new channel, covered or uncovered, for said brook from a point near said crossing to said park, and may take land therefor.

Description of lands taken to be recorded in the registry of deeds.

SECT. 2. Said city shall within sixty days from such taking, otherwise than by purchase, cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the County of Suffolk a description of the lands so taken as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which the same was taken, which description and statement shall be signed by the mayor of said city.

Damages.

SECT. 3. Said city shall pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person in property by the taking of any lands, rights, or easements under the authority of this act, and if any person sustaining such damage fails to agree with said city as to the amount of damages sustained, such damage shall be assessed and determined in the superior court for the County of Suffolk, on the written application of either party therefor filed with the clerk of said court within one year of such taking, but no such application shall be made after the expiration of said one year; and upon such application, after such notice as said court shall order, the damages shall be determined by a jury in said court in the same manner as damages for land taken for highways in said city are determined; and costs shall be taxed as in civil cases.

Stony Brook Improvement Scrip not to exceed \$500,000.

SECT. 4. For the purpose of defraying all the costs and expenses of such lands and rights as shall be taken, purchased, or held for the purposes mentioned in this act, and of constructing all channels and works necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the said purpose and all expenses incident thereto, the city council shall have authority to issue from time to time negotiable notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face thereof Stony Brook Improvement Scrip, to an amount not exceeding in the whole the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding the legal rate of interest in this Commonwealth; and said interest shall be payable semi-annually and the principal shall be payable at periods not more than fifty years from the issuing of the said scrip, notes, or certificates, respectively. And the said city council may authorize the city treasurer to sell the same or any part thereof from time to time, at public or private sale, or pledge the same to raise money for the purposes aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as said city council shall judge proper.

SECT. 5. The debt and loans authorized by this act shall not be included within the limit fixed by section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five. Not to be included within the limit, etc.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 16, 1887.

[1887, 394.]

1887. — RESOLVES. CHAPTER 90.

RESOLVE CONCERNING THE LIABILITY FOR THE LOSS OF CERTAIN MILITARY PROPERTY LOANED BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Resolved*, That the cities of Boston, Salem, and Chelsea, and the Massachusetts agricultural college, Dean 'academy, Wesleyan academy, and the state prison at Boston, be relieved from all liability for the loss of military property heretofore loaned them by the Commonwealth, and not now in their possession, and that the quartermaster general be authorized to drop such property from his books. Released from liability for loss of military property loaned by Commonwealth.

June 16, 1887.

1888. — CHAPTER 86.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY APPLIANCES IN HOTELS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Section two of chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following words, to wit: — Except that the maintenance of a watchman shall not be required in family hotels in the city of Boston when in the opinion of the inspector of buildings of said city reduced to writing and placed on file in his office such maintenance is unnecessary.

March 6, 1888.

[1888, 251; 1884, 223.]

1888. — CHAPTER 123.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PREPARATION AND REVISION OF THE LIST OF JURORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. When the list of jurors in the city of Boston is submitted by the board of registrars of voters to the board of aldermen of said city, in accordance with section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and seventy of the Public Statutes, for their revision and acceptance, the board of aldermen on such revision may strike any names therefrom but shall not add names thereto. If the list so revised and accepted shall include less than one juror for every hun- Board of aldermen may strike names from list of jurors.

dred inhabitants of the said city, the said board of registrars shall prepare, post, and submit to the board of aldermen a further list or lists, and like proceedings thereon shall be had as in the case of the original list, until the number of jurors required by law is obtained.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 12, 1888.

### 1888. — CHAPTER 153.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A THIRD ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, CIVIL SESSION, OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Justices of superior court may appoint a third assistant clerk for civil business County of Suffolk.

SECTION 1. The justices of the superior court, or a majority of them, may appoint a third assistant clerk, for civil business in the County of Suffolk, who shall be subject to the provisions of law applicable to assistant clerks in said county, and who shall receive in full for all services performed by him an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, to be paid by said county.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 21, 1888.

### 1888. — CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT IN RELATION TO PENSIONING DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Fire commissioners may retire and pension disabled members of fire department.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 1.* The board of fire commissioners of the city of Boston, by the affirmative vote of all the members, and with the approval of the mayor, may retire from office in the fire department any member thereof who has become disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or any member who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than fifteen consecutive years, and place the member so retired upon a pension roll. No such member shall be placed on the pension roll unless it shall be certified to the board in writing by the city physician that such member is permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, from performing his duty as a member of the department. In case of total disability caused or induced by the actual performance of his duty, the amount of annual pension shall be one-half of the annual compensation allowed to men of the grade in which such disabled member served, or such less sum as the said board may determine. The pension of members of the permanent force who have served fifteen years shall be an amount not exceeding one-third the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired, or such less sum as the board may determine. The pension of members of the call force who have served fifteen or more consecutive years shall be an amount not exceeding one-half the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired, or such less sum as the board may determine.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

March 29, 1888.

[1880, 107; 1891, 404.]

## 1888. — CHAPTER 175.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FROM WARDS TWENTY-TWO AND TWENTY-FIVE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. At the next municipal election in the city of Boston and at each municipal election thereafter the qualified voters of each of the wards numbered twenty-two and twenty-five shall give in their votes for two able and discreet men, qualified voters in the ward, to be members of the common council for the ensuing year. The election of said officers shall be conducted and records thereof kept in the manner provided for the other wards of said city, and the members of the common council now elected from said wards shall continue to hold their office until the expiration of the present municipal year, according to the laws in force at the time of their election.

Wards 22 and 25 to elect three members each for the common council.

SECT. 2. Section three of chapter two hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 29, 1888.

[1891, 88.]

## 1888. — CHAPTER 230.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE AND THE BOSTON AND ALBANY RAILROAD COMPANY TO WIDEN THE DRAWS IN CERTAIN BRIDGES ACROSS CHARLES RIVER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The cities of Boston and Cambridge shall before the first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes, widen the draws in the several highway bridges across Charles river at Brookline street, River street, Western avenue, and Boylston street, so called, and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall forthwith, subject to the provisions of said chapter nineteen, widen the draw in its railroad bridge across said river on the easterly side of the aforesaid Brookline-street bridge, so that each of said draws shall have a clear opening of at least thirty-six feet in width.

Draws of certain bridges over Charles river to be widened.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 16, 1888.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted Nov. 12, 1888.



## 1888. — CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR BUILDING THE HORACE MANN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The time limited in chapter two hundred and one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five for the erection by the city of Boston of a school building for the use of the Horace Mann school for the deaf, on land granted by the Commonwealth, is hereby extended for the further term of two years from the date of the expiration of the time fixed by the said act.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 24, 1888.*

[1885, 201.]

## 1888. — CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE WIDENING OF THE DRAWS IN THE TWO BRIDGES ACROSS NEPONSET RIVER, KNOWN AS THE NEPONSET-AVENUE BRIDGE AND THE GRANITE-AVENUE BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Draws in  
bridges across  
Neponset river  
to be widened.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall forthwith, subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes, cause the draws in the two bridges across the Neponset river between said city and the towns of Quincy and Milton respectively, known as the Neponset-avenue bridge and the Granite-avenue bridge, to be made at least thirty-six feet wide for the passage of vessels; and said town of Milton shall reimburse said city two-thirds the expense of widening the draw in said Granite-avenue bridge.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 30, 1888.*

## 1888. — CHAPTER 286.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY SALARIES TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may pay  
salaries to mem-  
bers of the  
board of alder-  
men.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston may, by ordinance, provide that after the expiration of the current municipal year, the members of the board of aldermen of said city shall each receive an annual salary not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars; and thereafter no sum shall be paid from the city treasury for or on account of any personal expenses, directly or indirectly incurred by or in behalf of any member of said board, except for carriage-hire or car-fare actually incurred in the performance of official duty, and in each case especially authorized by vote of the said board or of a regularly appointed committee of the said board or of the city council. No bill for such carriage-hire or car-fare shall be paid unless the same shall state the date when, the persons for whom and the full service for which the same was incurred, and unless there be filed with the city auditor a duly certified copy of a vote author-

izing the same, accompanied in every case by a certificate signed by each member of said board incurring said bill, and stating that the same was actually incurred by him for the purpose so authorized on the day specified, and for the service and to the extent and amount therein charged.

SECT. 2. All bills incurred and paid for carriage-hire and carfare in accordance with the preceding section, and copies of all votes and all certificates and other vouchers accompanying such bills, shall be kept by the auditor of said city and be open to public inspection.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 30, 1888.*

### 1888. — CHAPTER 302.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW BRIDGE BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE APPOINTED BY THE MAYORS OF SAID CITIES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The member of the board of commissioners established by virtue of chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, for the purpose of building a new bridge between Boston and Cambridge, appointed by the mayors of said cities, shall receive for his services from the date of such appointment, such compensation as the board of aldermen of the city of Boston and the board of aldermen of the city of Cambridge may by concurrent action establish; to be paid as other expenses of building said bridge are paid.

Member of Harvard bridge commissioners, appointed by the mayors, to receive salary.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*May 4, 1888.*

[1887, 282.]

### 1888. — CHAPTER 316.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE ERECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. No building designed to be used in whole or in part, as a public building, public or private institution, school-house, church, theatre, public hall, place of assemblage or place of public resort, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, in whole or in part, as a factory, workshop, or mercantile or other establishment and having accommodations for ten or more employees above said story, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, in whole or in part, as a hotel, family hotel apartment house, boarding-house, lodging-house or tenement-house and having ten or more rooms above said story, shall hereafter be erected, unless in process of erection at the date of the passage of this act, until a copy of the plans of such building has been deposited with the inspector of factories and public buildings for the district in which such building is to be located, if outside of the city of Boston, or

Plans of public buildings, etc., to be deposited with inspector of buildings, prior to erection.

with the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston, if within said city, together with a copy of such portion of the specifications of such building as such inspector may require, nor shall any such building be so erected without the provision of sufficient ways of egress and other means of escape from fire, properly located and constructed; the certificate of the inspector above named indorsed, if the building is to be located outside of the city of Boston, with the approval of the chief of the district police force, shall be conclusive evidence of a compliance with the provisions of this act, provided that after the granting of such certificate no change is made in the plans or specifications of such ways of egress and means of escape unless a new certificate is obtained therefor. Such inspector may require that proper fire-stops shall be provided in the floors, walls, and partitions of such buildings and may make such further requirements as may be necessary or proper to prevent the spread of fire therein or its communication from any steam-boiler or heating apparatus; and no pipe for conveying hot air or steam in such building shall be placed nearer than one inch to any woodwork unless protected to the satisfaction of such inspector by suitable guards or casings of incombustible material, and no wooden flue or air-duct for heating or ventilating purposes shall be placed in any such building.

**Penalty.** SECT. 2. Any person erecting or constructing a building in violation of the provisions of this act shall be punished by fine of not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars, and such erection or construction may be enjoined in a proceeding to be had before the superior or supreme judicial court at the instance of the inspector above named, and upon the filing of a petition for such injunction any justice of the court in which such proceeding is pending may issue a temporary injunction or restraining order, as provided in proceedings in equity.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

May 9, 1888.

[1885, 374; 1888, 367, 426.]

## 1888. — CHAPTER 324.

AN ACT TO FIX THE AMOUNT OF REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE TO BE HELD BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Overseers of the poor may hold real and personal estate not exceeding one million dollars.

SECTION 1. The overseers of the poor in the city of Boston, a corporation duly established by law, are hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate, including the real and personal estate which they have heretofore been by law authorized to hold, to an amount not exceeding in all one million dollars.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 10, 1888.

[1772, 3; 1802, 44; 1875, 73.]

## 1888. — CHAPTER 340.

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PLACES LICENSED FOR THE SALE  
OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. In all towns and cities which vote to grant licenses of the first five classes described in section ten of chapter one hundred of the Public Statutes, to sell intoxicating liquors, the number of places licensed for the sale of such liquors shall not exceed one for each one thousand of the population, as ascertained by the last preceding national or state census, except that in the city of Boston one such place may be licensed for each five hundred of the population. No more than one such place shall be licensed by any one vote of the licensing board; such licenses shall be numbered in regular order as granted, and any license granted contrary to, or in excess of the provisions of this act, shall be void: *provided*, that in towns having an increase of resident population during the summer months, the selectmen may, during the month of June, cause a census to be taken, and may grant one such license for each five hundred of said resident population, as ascertained by said special census, to take effect on the fifteenth day of June and to expire on the fifteenth day of September following; but no such license shall be granted unless the town at its last annual town meeting votes "yes" in answer to the question "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?"

SECT. 2. The foregoing section shall not prevent the licensing of one place in any town voting for license whose population is less than one thousand.

May 15, 1888.

## 1888. — CHAPTER 367.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR OF  
THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE RE-  
LATING TO THE INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and five of chapter three hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 105.* Every building occupied above the second floor from the level of the street by two or more families, and every building occupied as a tenement, boarding or lodging house, or for a factory, mill, or manufactory, or for offices or workshops, in which persons are employed above the second floor, and every school building more than two stories in height, shall be provided with suitable facilities for escape in case of fire, in good repair at all times, and sufficient for the safe egress in case of fire of all the persons usually employed in or frequenting the building; and where fire-escapes are authorized by the inspector on the outside of a building, they may project over the highway, and shall have suitable connection with the ground."

SECT. 2. Section one hundred and six of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 106.* Any building

Fire escapes in  
buildings occu-  
pied above  
second floor.

Construction of  
fire-escapes.

provided with stairways or fire-escapes approved by the inspector, shall be deemed to be provided with sufficient facilities for escape in case of fire, as required by the preceding section. The owner of any building which is provided with stairs on the outside shall construct such stairs with railed landings at each story above the first, and connect them with each story by doors or windows. No person shall place any obstruction on any outside stairway or fire-escape."

Protection of  
openings into  
shafts.

SECT. 3. Section one hundred and eight of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 108.* Every opening into a shaft or hoistway shall be protected by sufficient automatic rails or gates and trap-doors, or such other mechanical devices as shall be equivalent thereto; and every elevator car and hoist shall be provided with some sufficient arrangement to prevent the falling of the car or hoist in case of any accident to the ropes, or other hoisting apparatus. Every opening, other than a stairway, through the floor, or into an elevator shaft or hoistway, shall be securely closed at the close of each day by the occupant; and, if there is no occupant, by the lessee or owner."

Openings into  
hoist-shafts to  
have metal  
doors, etc.

SECT. 4. Section one hundred and nine of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 109.* All openings within the building into a hoist-shaft, except shafts for passenger elevators, shall be furnished with metal, or metal-covered doors, hung to rabbeted iron frames, with iron thresholds to the same; and said doors shall be kept closed when not in use by springs of sufficient strength. Equivalent protection shall be maintained in the case of passenger elevators. Windows or openings in an external wall into a hoistway or elevator shaft shall have three iron bars painted red perpendicularly across and equally dividing the window or opening."

Penalty.

SECT. 5. Section one hundred and forty-six of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 146.* Any person who shall build or alter any wall, building, or other structure, or part thereof, in violation of any provision of this act, or who shall, after twenty-four hours' notice from the inspector, maintain or use any such wall, building, or other structure, or part thereof, so built or altered, or shall violate any provision of this act, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be paid into the treasury of said city, unless another penalty is hereinbefore specifically provided."

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 17, 1888.

## 1888. — CHAPTER 376.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO REFUND A PORTION OF THE MONEY PAID AS BETTERMENTS FOR THE MARINE PARK IN SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

City may re-  
fund better-  
ments for  
marine park.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may, by concurrent vote of the city council, at any time within two years from the passage of this act, refund any portion, not exceeding ninety per centum, of the sums assessed for betterments on account of the marine park in said city and paid, in whole or in part, into the treasury of said city prior to the fourth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven; and any sums so refunded shall be paid by the

city treasurer to the persons to whom said betterments were assessed or their legal representatives.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 18, 1888.

# 1888. — CHAPTER 392.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BOSTON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LANDS FOR ITS PUBLIC PARKS, TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS OUTSIDE OF THE LIMIT FIXED BY LAW.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for the purpose of purchasing or taking such additional lands for its public parks as the park commissioners of said city shall deem desirable and necessary, and paying therefor, may incur indebtedness, and may from time to time issue bonds, notes, or scrip therefor to an amount not exceeding six hundred thousand dollars, outside of the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for said city, payable in periods not exceeding fifty years from the date of issue, and bearing interest at rates not exceeding four per cent. per annum, but the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes and of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four shall in all other respects apply to the issue of said bonds, notes, and scrip and to the establishment of a sinking-fund for the payment thereof at maturity.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 23, 1888.

[1875, 185; 1882, 168; 1886, 304; 1887, 312; 1890, 271, 444; 1891, 301.]

# 1888. — CHAPTER 397.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAYING OUT, ALTERATION, DISCONTINUANCE, AND REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Sections eighty-four, eighty-five, and eighty-six of chapter forty-nine of the Public Statutes are hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Section 84. The board of street commissioners of the city of Boston shall have power to lay out, locate anew, alter, widen, and discontinue highways in the city of Boston and order specific repairs thereon, and whenever they are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that a highway shall be laid out within said city, or that an existing highway shall be located anew, altered, widened, or discontinued, or that specific repairs shall be ordered thereon, the said commissioners shall appoint a time for a public hearing, and shall cause a notice thereof and of their intention in the matter to be published once a week for two successive weeks in two daily newspapers published in said city, the last publication to be at least seven days previous to the time fixed for said hearing. Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time, if the commissioners deem it necessary, and, after said hearing, said commissioners shall determine what action relating to said way the public

City may issue its bonds, etc., not exceeding \$600,000, outside its debt limit to purchase or take lands for its public parks.

Street commissioners to locate anew, etc., highways

Hearing.

Commissioners  
to estimate  
damages.

necessity and convenience require; and such determination, being recorded in the records of said commissioners, the said way shall be thereby laid out, located, altered, widened, or discontinued, or specific repairs shall be ordered, in accordance with such determination.

*Section 85.* Said commissioners shall estimate the amount of damage sustained by any persons in their property by such laying out, locating anew, altering, widening, or discontinuing, or ordering specific repairs on, a highway, and, in their aforesaid determination, shall state the share of each separately. *Section 86.* The city, or any party interested, if dissatisfied with the estimate of damage in any case mentioned in the preceding section, may have the amount of such damages determined by a jury at the bar of the superior court, in the same manner in which other civil causes are there tried, by filing in the clerk's office of said court, for the County of Suffolk, at any time before the expiration of one year from the time when the lands are entered upon, and possession taken for the purpose of constructing the highway, or when no land is taken, from the time when the work is actually commenced on the highway, a petition for such jury. The petitioner before filing his petition shall notify the adverse party to appear and answer thereto, by causing a summons containing a copy of said petition to be served upon him in the manner provided by sections twenty-nine to thirty-six inclusive of chapter one hundred and sixty-one of the Public Statutes."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 24, 1888.

[1870, 337, 1872, 322.]

## 1888. — CHAPTER 402.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURTHER INTRODUCTION AND EXTENSION  
OF A POLICE SIGNAL SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Board of police  
may expend  
an additional  
sum of \$75,000,  
for introduc-  
tion, etc., of  
police signal  
system.

SECTION 1. The board of police for the city of Boston may expend, in addition to the amount now authorized by chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars for the further introduction and extension in the several police divisions of said city of an electrical signal and telephonic system, and may provide such patrol wagons, horses, equipments, and accommodations as in the opinion of said board may be necessary therefor. The said board may from time to time for the purpose of providing therefor, draw upon the city treasurer of said city, an amount not exceeding said sum, and the city treasurer shall pay the same upon the requisitions of said board out of the receipts for liquor license fees which shall remain in the treasury of said city after the provisions of section fourteen of chapter one hundred of the Public Statutes have been complied with. The provisions of said chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven shall apply to the extension of said system as herein provided.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 24, 1888.

[1887, 325.]

1888. — CHAPTER 426.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO WAYS OF EGRESS AND MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM  
FIRE IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Every building now or hereafter used, in whole or in part, as a public building, public or private institution, school-house, church, theatre, public hall, place of assemblage, or place of public resort, and every building in which ten or more persons are employed above the second story in a factory, workshop, or mercantile or other establishment, and every hotel, family hotel, apartment-house, boarding-house, lodging-house, or tenement-house in which ten or more persons lodge or reside above the second story, and every factory, workshop, mercantile or other establishment the owner, lessee, or occupant of which is notified in writing by the inspector hereinafter mentioned that the provisions of this act are deemed by him applicable thereto, shall be provided with proper ways of egress, or other means of escape from fire, sufficient for the use of all persons accommodated, assembling, employed, lodging, or residing in such building; and such ways of egress and means of escape shall be kept free from obstruction, in good repair, and ready for use. Every room above the second story in any such building in which ten or more persons are employed shall be provided, if the inspector mentioned in the following section shall so direct in writing, with more than one way of egress by stairways on the inside or outside of the building, placed as near as practicable at opposite ends of such room; stairways on the outside of the building shall have suitable railed landings at each story above the first, and shall connect with each story by doors or windows; and such landings, doors, and windows shall be kept clear of ice and snow and other obstructions. Women or children shall not be employed in a factory, workshop, or mercantile or other establishment, in a room above the second story from which there is only one way of egress, if the inspector mentioned in the following section shall so direct in writing. All doors and windows in any building subject to the provisions of this section shall open outwardly if the inspector mentioned in the following section shall so direct in writing. No portable seats shall be allowed in the aisles or passageways of such building during any service or entertainment held therein. The proscenium or curtain opening of all theatres shall have a fire-resisting curtain of some incombustible material, and such curtain shall be properly constructed and shall be operated by proper mechanism; the certificate of the inspector mentioned in the following section shall be conclusive evidence of a compliance with such requirements.

Buildings to be provided with proper ways of egress, etc., to escape from fire.

Inspector may direct means of escape to be used.

Proscenium opening to have fire-resisting curtain.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of such inspectors of factories and public buildings, as may be assigned to such duty by the chief of the district police force, to examine, as soon as may be after the passage of this act, and thereafter from time to time, all buildings within his district subject to the provisions of this act, and it shall be the duty of the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston so to examine all such buildings within said city. In case any such building conforms in the judgment of such inspector, to the requirements of this act, he shall issue to the owner, lessee or occupant of such building, or of any portion thereof used as above mentioned in section one, a certificate to that effect, specifying the number of persons for whom the ways of egress or means of escape from fire are deemed to be sufficient. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence, as long as it continues in force, of a compliance on the part of the person to whom it

Buildings subject to this act to be examined by inspector.

Certificate of inspector to be conclusive evidence, etc.



is issued with the provisions of this act. But such certificate shall be of no effect in case a greater number of persons than therein specified are accommodated or employed, or assemble, lodge, or reside within such building or portion thereof, or in case such building is used for any purposes materially different from those for which it was used at the time of the granting thereof, or in case the internal arrangements of such building are materially altered, or in case any ways of egress or means of escape from fire, existing in such building at the time of such granting are stopped up, rendered unavailable, or materially changed; and in no case shall such certificate continue in force for more than five years from its date.

Certificate may be revoked upon written notice.

Such certificate may be revoked by such inspector at any time upon written notice to the person holding the same, or occupying the premises for which it was granted, and shall be so revoked whenever, in his opinion, any conditions or circumstances have so changed that the existing ways of egress and means of escape are no longer proper and sufficient. A copy of the said certificate shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place upon every floor of such building by the person occupying the premises covered thereby.

Copy of certificate to be posted.

Acknowledgment to be issued, pending action on application for certificate.

SECT. 3. Upon an application being made to an inspector for the granting of a certificate under this act, he shall issue to the person making the same an acknowledgment that such certificate has been applied for, and pending the granting or refusal of such certificate such acknowledgment shall have for a period of ninety days the same effect as such certificate, and such acknowledgment may be renewed by such inspector with the same effect for a further period not exceeding ninety days, and may be further renewed by the chief of the district police force, until such time as such certificate shall be granted or refused.

Inspector to be notified of change after certificate is issued.

SECT. 4. In case any change is made in any premises for which a certificate has been issued under this act, whether in the use thereof or otherwise, such as terminates the effect of such certificate, as above provided in section two, it shall be the duty of the person making the same to give written notice thereof forthwith to the inspector for the district, or to the chief of the district police, if such premises are outside of the city of Boston, or to the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston, if within said city.

Inspector to notify owner, etc., of additional means of escape required.

SECT. 5. In case any building or portion thereof subject to the provisions of this act is found by an inspector to fail to conform thereto, or in case any change is made in such building or portion thereof such as terminates the effect of a certificate formerly granted therefor as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of such inspector to give notice in writing to the owner, lessee, or occupant of such building, specifying and describing what additional ways of egress or means of escape from fire are necessary in the opinion of such inspector in order to conform to the provisions of this act and to secure the granting of a certificate as aforesaid. Notice to any agent of such owner, lessee, or occupant in charge of the premises shall be sufficient notice under this section to such owner, lessee, or occupant.

Any one joint owner, etc., may provide means of escape required against objection of co-owner.

SECT. 6. In case any building subject to the provisions of this act is owned, leased, or occupied, jointly or in severalty, by different persons, any one of such persons shall have the right to apply to any part of the outside of such building, and to sustain from any part of the outside wall thereof, any way of egress or means of escape from fire specified and described by an inspector as above provided, notwithstanding the objection of any other such owner, lessee, or occupant; and any such way of egress or means of escape may project over the highway.

SECT. 7. When a license is required by law or municipal ordinance, in order to authorize any premises to be used for any purpose mentioned in section one, no license for such purpose shall be granted until a certificate for such building or portion thereof shall first have been obtained from an inspector as above provided, and no such license hereafter issued shall continue in force any longer than such certificate remains in force.

Licenses under law or municipal ordinances not to be granted until certificate is obtained.

SECT. 8. No wooden flue or air duct for heating or ventilating purposes shall hereafter be placed in any building subject to the provisions of section one of this act, and no pipe for conveying hot air or steam in such building shall be placed, or shall remain placed, nearer than one inch to any woodwork unless protected to the satisfaction of the said inspector by suitable guards or casings of incombustible material.

Wooden flues, air ducts, and pipes for heating, etc., to be protected.

SECT. 9. Every story above the second of a building subject to the provisions of section one shall be supplied with means of extinguishing fire, consisting either of pails of water or other portable apparatus, or of a hose attached to a suitable water supply and capable of reaching any part of such story; and such means of extinguishing fire shall be kept at all times ready for use and in good condition.

Buildings above second story to be supplied with extinguishers.

SECT. 10. It shall be the duty of such members of the inspection department of the district police force as may be assigned to such duty by the chief of such force to enforce the provisions of this act outside of the city of Boston, and of the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston to enforce the same within said city, and for such purpose such inspectors shall have the right of access to all parts of any buildings subject to the provisions of this act.

Inspectors to have access to buildings to enforce act.

SECT. 11. Cities may by ordinance provide that the provisions of this act shall apply to any buildings three or more stories in height within their respective limits.

Cities may by ordinance extend provisions of this act.

SECT. 12. It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee, or occupant of any building or part thereof subject to this act to cause the provisions thereof to be carried out, and any owner, lessee, or occupant failing to observe such provisions shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars; but no prosecution therefor shall be brought until four weeks after written notice from an inspector, as above provided, of the changes necessary to be made in order to conform thereto, nor then if in the meantime such changes have been made in accordance with such notification. Notice to one member of a firm, or to the clerk or treasurer of a corporation, or to the person in charge of the premises, shall be deemed sufficient notice hereunder, and such notice may be given in person or by mail. Any such owner, lessee, or occupant shall be liable for all damages caused by his violation of the provisions of this act. Any person using or occupying a building contrary to the provisions of this act may be enjoined from such use or occupation in a proceeding to be had before the superior court or the supreme judicial court at the instance of the inspector, and upon the filing of a petition therefor any judge or justice of the court in which such proceeding is pending may issue a temporary injunction or restraining order, as provided in proceedings in equity.

Owners, etc., to cause provisions of this act to be carried out, subject to penalty.

Notice.

Violations of act may be enjoined.

SECT. 13. The governor of the Commonwealth is hereby authorized to appoint from time to time, as may be necessary, not exceeding ten additional members of the inspection department of the district police force, qualified to perform the duties of the members of such department.

Governor to appoint ten additional members of district police to act as inspectors.

SECT. 14. Sections fifteen to twenty inclusive of chapter one hundred and four of the Public Statutes, section two of chapter two

Repeal.

hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, chapter three hundred and twenty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, chapter two hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 15. This act shall take effect on the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

May 29, 1888.

[1885, 374; 1888, 316, 367.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FOURTH ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, CIVIL SESSION, FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Justices of  
superior court  
to appoint  
fourth assistant  
clerk for civil  
business.

SECTION 1. The justices of the superior court, or a majority of them, may appoint a fourth assistant clerk of said court for civil business in the county of Suffolk, who shall be subject to the provisions of law applicable to assistant clerks of courts in said county, and who shall receive in full for all services performed by him an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, to be paid by said county.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 18, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 57.

AN ACT GIVING THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON CERTAIN RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE STREETS, LANES, AND ALLEYS OF SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Patrol wagons  
and ambulances  
of police depart-  
ment to have  
right of way,  
subject, etc.

The officers and men of the police department of the city of Boston, with the patrol wagons and ambulances thereof, shall have the right of way through any street, lane, or alley in said city, subject to the rights of the Boston fire department and the Boston protective department; and whoever wilfully or maliciously obstructs or retards the passage of such patrol wagons and ambulances, as aforesaid, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not exceeding three months.

February 19, 1889.

[1885, 323.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 68.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS OUTSIDE OF THE DEBT LIMIT TO COMPLETE ITS NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

City may incur  
indebtedness of  
\$1,000,000 out-

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for the purpose of enabling the trustees of the public library of the city of Boston to complete the

new public library building on Copley square in said city, may incur <sup>side debt limit,</sup> indebtedness, and may authorize the city treasurer of said city to <sup>to complete new</sup> issue, from time to time, as the said trustees shall request, bonds or <sup>public library.</sup> certificates of indebtedness, to an amount not exceeding one million of dollars, outside of the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for said city. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, to be fixed as provided by the ordinances of said city.

SECT. 2. Said treasurer shall sell such bonds or certificates, or <sup>Treasurer to</sup> any part thereof, from time to time, and retain the proceeds thereof <sup>sell bonds, etc.,</sup> in the treasury of said city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred <sup>and pay ex-</sup> by said trustees for the purposes aforesaid. <sup>penses there-</sup> <sup>from.</sup>

SECT. 3. The said trustees shall hold the land and building now <sup>Trustees to sell</sup> used for the central public library on Boylston street in said city, <sup>present library</sup> and shall, on or before the maturity of said loan, sell, in behalf of <sup>building before</sup> the said city, the said land and building, in such manner and for <sup>maturity of</sup> such sum as they shall deem best, and shall pay over the proceeds of <sup>loan.</sup> said sale to the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city, and the said treasurer shall also pay over to said board any premiums received by him in the sale of such bonds or certificates. The said board shall place all amounts so paid to them by said trustees and by said treasurer into the sinking fund for the payment of the loan hereby authorized.

SECT. 4. Except as hereinbefore otherwise provided, the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes and of chapter <sup>P.S., c. 29, and</sup> one hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hun- <sup>1884, 129, to</sup> dred and eighty-four shall apply to the issue of such bonds, and to <sup>apply to issue of</sup> the establishment of a sinking fund for the payment thereof at <sup>bonds, etc.</sup> maturity.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 1, 1889.

[1878, 114; 1880, 222; 1882, 143; 1883, 141; 1887, 60; 1889, 379; 1891, 324.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 74.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO SUPPLY MOON ISLAND AND LONG ISLAND WITH PURE WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to carry the <sup>City may supply</sup> waters of the Sudbury river and lake Cochituate to, into, and through <sup>Moon island and</sup> Moon island and Long island in Boston harbor, and to supply the <sup>Long island</sup> inhabitants thereof with said waters, and for that purpose may lay <sup>with water.</sup> pipes across the Neponset river, and in Hancock street, Atlantic street, and Squantum street in the city of Quincy, and from said Squantum street, in and through private lands, to, into, and through Moon island, and thence to, into, and through Long island, and may make any suitable structure or structures necessary for said purpose over or under any tide-waters, or channel, or portion of Boston harbor.

SECT. 2. For the purposes aforesaid the said city of Boston shall <sup>City subject to</sup> have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties applicable there- <sup>1846, 167,</sup> to, which are given and imposed by chapter one hundred and sixty- <sup>1872, 177, and</sup> seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, chap- <sup>P.S., c. 19.</sup> ter one hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and chapter nineteen of the Public Stat-

utes; and, in entering upon and digging up any streets in said city of Quincy, shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as shall be made by the city council of said city of Quincy.

City to insert  
hydrants at  
certain points.

SECT. 3. Said city of Boston while laying down said pipes in said streets shall insert therein hydrants at points one thousand feet apart, to be used for the purpose of extinguishing fires, and for no other purpose, and said city of Quincy shall pay the expenses of keeping in repair all such hydrants as shall be so inserted.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 1, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 89.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR STABLES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Buildings not to  
be occupied or  
used for stables  
unless by au-  
thority of board  
of health.

SECTION 1. No person shall hereafter occupy or use any building in the city of Boston for a stable unless first authorized thereto by the board of health of said city, and in such case only to the extent so authorized, provided that this act shall not prevent any such occupation and use authorized by law at the time of the passage of this act, to the extent so authorized.

Penalty for  
violation.

SECT. 2. Any person violating any provision of this act shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five dollars for each and every day that such violation continues, and any court having jurisdiction in equity may restrain such use and occupation.

Repeal of  
1869, 369,  
1878, 192.

SECT. 3. Chapter three hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, chapter one hundred and ninety-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 8, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 129.

### AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDINGS IN THE PUBLIC PARKS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Park commis-  
sioners may  
erect structures  
in parks, etc.,  
subject to  
opinion of fire  
commissioners.

SECTION 1. The park commissioners of the city of Boston may erect in the parks of said city that now are or hereafter may be under their control, except the common, public garden, and public squares, structures for the shelter and refreshment of persons frequenting such parks and for other park purposes, of such materials and in such places as in the opinion of the fire commissioners of said city do not endanger buildings beyond the limits of the park. Section sixteen of chapter fifty-four of the Public Statutes and chapter three hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five shall not apply to such buildings.

P.S., c. 54, s. 16,  
and 1885, 374,  
not to apply to  
such structures.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 19, 1889.

1889. — CHAPTER 147.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE HARBOR MASTER AND ASSISTANT HARBOR MASTERS FOR THE HARBOR OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The harbor master and assistant harbor masters for the port of Boston shall hereafter be appointed from the police force by the board of police of said city; and they shall continue respectively to have all the powers and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and obligations which now appertain by law to said officers. The board of police may require such further duties of these officers, including the duties of officers and members of the police force of said city not inconsistent with the provisions of law, as they shall deem expedient.

Harbor master and assistants to be hereafter appointed by board of police.

SECT. 2. The harbor master and assistant harbor masters shall receive the pay now established, or which may hereafter be established, for the grade of rank which they respectively hold in the police force of said city.

Pay of harbor master, etc.

SECT. 3. Chapter sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal of 1862, 64.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 22, 1889.

[1885, 323.]

1889. — CHAPTER 151.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE TO LAY AND MAINTAIN A COMMON SEWER IN BOSTON AND NEWTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The selectmen of the town of Brookline may, with the consent of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, lay and maintain a common sewer through any public way and in and through the lands of any person or corporation within that part of the city of Boston which was formerly Brighton, and, with the consent of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Newton, within the city of Newton, in order to connect the system of sewers in the said town of Brookline with a common sewer to be built in the westerly part of said Brookline, near the city of Newton. And said selectmen may take and appropriate, by right of eminent domain, any lands other than lands of either of said cities required for the purposes of this act.

Town of Brookline may lay, etc., sewer through Brighton, with consent of mayor and aldermen.

Selectmen may take lands for purposes of act.

SECT. 2. The said town of Brookline shall, within sixty days from the time it shall take any lands for the purposes of this act, file in the registry of deeds for the county and district in which such lands lie, a description of the lands so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, and a statement of the purposes for which they were taken, which description and statement shall be signed by a majority of the selectmen of said town.

Description of lands taken to be filed in registry within sixty days.

SECT. 3. Said town of Brookline shall pay all damages for injuries to property sustained by any person by anything done under authority of this act; and if the town and the person whose property is affected cannot agree upon the amount of damages, a jury of the superior court may be had to determine the same, in the same

Town of Brookline to pay all damages.

Jury may be  
had if parties  
cannot agree.

manner as a jury is had and damages are determined when parties are dissatisfied with an estimate of damages sustained by any person in the laying out of a highway in the city of Boston.

Assessment and  
collection of  
sewer assess-  
ments.

SECT. 4. All provisions of law now applicable to the assessment and collection of sewer assessments in said town of Brookline shall apply in said town to the sewer constructed under this act, and to all sewers of said town connected therewith; and the right of said selectmen to levy, and of the officers of said town to collect, all such assessments on property in said town shall not be impaired by reason of the fact that said sewer, or a portion thereof, lies within the limits of the city of Boston or of the city of Newton.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 22, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 170.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A THIRD ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR CIVIL BUSINESS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Appointment of  
third assistant  
clerk municipal  
court for civil  
business.

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed, in the manner provided by law for the appointment of assistant clerks of the municipal court of the city of Boston, a third assistant clerk of said court, for civil business, who shall receive from the county of Suffolk an annual salary of one thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 28, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 206.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Justice of  
municipal court  
of Charlestown  
may allow for  
clerical assist-  
ance.

SECTION 1. If deemed necessary by the justice of the municipal court of the Charlestown district of the city of Boston, the clerk of said court shall be allowed a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars in any one year for clerical assistance actually performed, to be paid to the persons actually performing the same upon their certificate stating the amount of the work done, with the approval of the said justice attached to or accompanying the same.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 5, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 245.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND TO PLACE IN THEIR CHARGE THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Mayor to ap-  
point three men  
to constitute

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of Boston shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, three able and discreet men,

inhabitants of said city, who shall constitute a board of said city to be known as the commissioners of public institutions, and who shall hold office, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, beginning with the first Monday in April in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine; and annually thereafter the mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation as aforesaid, one such commissioner to hold office for the term of three years, beginning with the first Monday in April in the year of his appointment. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled by the appointment, as aforesaid, of a commissioner for the remainder of the unexpired term. The members of said board shall each receive a salary of three thousand dollars per year or such larger salary as the said city may by ordinance provide. The provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five shall apply to said board and to the members thereof.

board of commissioners of public institutions.

Vacancy.

Salaries of commissioners, 1885, 266, to apply to said board.

SECT. 2. The said board of commissioners of public institutions shall have the charge and control of all the public institutions of the city of Boston and of the county of Suffolk which are now under the charge and control of the board of directors for public institutions, and they shall have and enjoy all the powers and authority and be subject to all the duties and limitations now held by or imposed upon said last named board.

Powers and duties of commissioners

SECT. 3. This act, so far as relates to the appointment of said commissioners, shall take effect upon its passage, and for all other purposes shall take effect on the first Monday in May in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

April 12, 1889.

[1885, 266; 1886, 282.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 254.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO EXTEND WEST CHESTER PARK STREET AS A HIGHWAY TO THE HARVARD BRIDGE AND TO ESTABLISH THE GRADE THEREOF.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The street commissioners of the city of Boston may locate and lay out, and may establish the grade of, and may construct a highway in said city which shall be a continuation or extension of West Chester park street to the harbor commissioners' line, and to connect with the new bridge called the Harvard bridge, between Boston and Cambridge, and may make contracts on behalf of said city relative to the determination and payment of damages sustained by any person in his property by such laying out and establishing a grade; and any such contracts heretofore made by said board are confirmed and made binding on said city, and such damages shall be paid by said city.

Street commissioners to extend West Chester park street to Harvard bridge, and establish its grade.

Certain contracts confirmed.

SECT. 2. All laws applicable to the laying out and establishing the grade of highways in the city of Boston and determining and paying damages for injuries sustained thereby are hereby made applicable to the work authorized in this act, so far as not inconsistent herewith.

Certain laws to apply.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston, in order to defray the cost of carrying out the provisions of this act, is authorized to raise not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars by loan, in excess of the limit established by law.

City may raise \$75,000 outside debt limit for purposes of this act.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 12, 1889.

[1882, 155; 1887, 282.]



## 1889. — CHAPTER 265.

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER AND MANAGEMENT OF MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Proprietors of lots in certain part Mount Hope cemetery, upon acceptance of this act, and notice to clerk to form a corporation.

SECTION 1. Such of the proprietors, by deed, of burial lots in the cemetery known as Mount Hope cemetery in the city of Boston, comprising the lands acquired by said city under authority of chapter one hundred and fifty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine with any other lands since acquired by said city as an addition to said cemetery, except the proprietors of burial lots in that portion of the westerly end of said cemetery lying north of Central avenue and west of a line drawn from a point in the division line between said cemetery and Calvary cemetery, distant one hundred feet westwardly from the northeast corner of said Calvary cemetery, to the northeasterly corner of the two-acre parcels on Berry street, purchased in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, as shall in writing, filed with the city registrar of said city on or before the first Monday of May next, accept this act, and such of said proprietors as shall, after the organization herein provided for, notify the clerk of the corporation of such acceptance, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Proprietors of Mount Hope Cemetery, subject to all the provisions of chapter eighty-two of the Public Statutes so far as they can be applied thereto, except so far as inconsistent herewith.

City registrar to notify proprietors of passage of this act, and of first meeting.

SECT. 2. Immediately upon the passage of this act the city registrar of said city shall notify each of the proprietors of such passage by sending through the mail to the address of each of said proprietors, so far as known, a copy of this act, and also notify them that the first meeting of said corporation will be held on said first Monday of May at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at such suitable place as he shall select therefor, at the expense of the corporation.

Proprietors to organize corporation.

SECT. 3. Such of said proprietors as shall have notified said registrar previous to said ten o'clock as hereinbefore provided, present and voting, may at said meeting organize said corporation in the manner provided in the first sixteen sections of chapter one hundred and eleven of the Public Statutes.

City to convey to corporation said cemetery, tools, etc.

SECT. 4. Immediately upon the organization of said corporation said city of Boston shall convey to it by proper deed all the lands constituting said cemetery, together with the stock, tools, implements, and other personal property pertaining thereto or commonly used thereon, and with the right to any unpaid balances remaining due for lots already sold, to be held by said corporation, so far as consistent herewith, for the same uses and purposes and charged with the same duties, trusts, and liabilities, for and subject to which the same are now held by said city; and the said corporation shall thenceforth have the entire charge of said cemetery and of the care of lots and graves therein; and to that end shall receive from said city the annual income, as it accrues, of the funds now held by said city under the provisions of section seventeen of chapter eighty-two of the Public Statutes, and apply said income to the preservation and care of the lots entitled to such application; and the said corporation shall have in respect of said cemetery all rights, powers, and privileges and be subject to all duties, obligations, and liabilities now had or sustained by said city in respect thereof, and shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the said city in regard to the same.

Powers and duties of corporation.

SECT. 5. The said city shall continue to have the right of burial of persons, for whose burial it is now or shall hereafter be bound by law to provide, in that portion of the westerly end of said cemetery bounded and described in section one, and interments of such persons may either be there made by said city at its own expense or by said corporation, upon such terms for the cost of preparation and interment as may from time to time be agreed upon between the overseers of the poor of said city and the executive board of said corporation.

City to have right of burial of persons in certain portion of cemetery.

SECT. 6. All conveyances of lots and rights of burial in said cemetery heretofore given by said city are hereby confirmed.

Certain conveyances confirmed.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 18, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 283.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO EXTEND, WIDEN, AND ALTER THE GRADE OF CERTAIN STREETS IN SAID CITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST THEREOF.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of street commissioners of the city of Boston may lay out an extension of Eastern avenue or Congress street, so called, in South Boston, and may widen and alter the grade of said street or any portion thereof as now laid out, so as to carry said street by a highway bridge over the railroad of the New York and New England Railroad Company, in accordance with plans to be approved by the board of harbor and land commissioners.

Street commissioners to lay out an extension of Eastern avenue.

SECT. 2. Said board of street commissioners may also lay out an extension of Oliver street, so called, in said city, easterly to Fort Point channel, and may, subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes, lay out a public highway bridge across said channel to connect with Northern avenue, so called, as said avenue is authorized to be laid out in South Boston.

Street commissioners to lay out an extension of Oliver street.

SECT. 3. The provisions of all general laws applicable to the laying out, widening, and alteration of highways in the city of Boston shall apply to all acts and things done under the authority of this act, except as herein otherwise provided.

Certain general laws to apply.

SECT. 4. The city of Boston, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred under this act, may incur indebtedness and may authorize the city treasurer of said city to issue, from time to time as may be required therefor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, outside of the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for said city. Such bonds or certificates shall be payable within thirty years from their date, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to be fixed as provided in the ordinances of said city. Said treasurer shall sell such bonds or certificates or any part thereof, from time to time, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of said city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purposes aforesaid; *provided, however*, that the premiums, if any, received in the sale of such bonds or certificates shall be paid over to the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city and be placed in the sinking fund created for the payment of the loan herein authorized. Except as herein otherwise provided the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes and of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four shall

City may incur indebtedness of \$500,000 outside debt limit, for purposes of this act.

P.S., c. 29, 1884, 129, to apply to issue of bonds.

apply to the issue of such bonds or certificates, and to the establishment of a sinking fund for the payment thereof at maturity.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 26, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 297.

### AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE POWERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Repeal.

School committee to have full power to order additions, etc., on school-houses.

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter two hundred and forty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: "*Section 6.* The school committee shall have full power and authority to order to be made on the school buildings any additions, alterations, and repairs, for school purposes, which it deems to be necessary; to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes; to select, bond, and purchase the land required for school buildings and their yards; and to fix finally and conclusively the plans for school buildings to be erected; *provided*, that nothing herein shall authorize said school committee, in behalf of the city of Boston, to expend or contract to expend for said purposes any money in excess of the amount previously appropriated therefor."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 3, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 320.

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON RELATIVE TO THE MAKING OF PAYMENTS AND INCURRING OF LIABILITIES IN ADVANCE OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

1885, 266, s. 6, amended.

Expenditures may be made, liabilities incurred, etc., in advance of annual appropriations, etc.

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: "Except that at the beginning of the financial year, to meet the liabilities of the several departments incurred in the carrying on of the work entrusted to them, until the city government shall otherwise order, expenditures may be made, liabilities may be incurred and payments made from the treasury from any funds therein, and the treasurer may borrow money in anticipation of taxes to provide funds. Such expenditures and liabilities shall not exceed for each department, one-third the entire amount appropriated for the department the previous year, and shall be considered and reckoned as a part of the expenditures of, and the money paid therefor as a part of the appropriations for, the current financial year."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 9, 1889.

1889. — CHAPTER 322.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO EXTEND ITS IMPROVED SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Boston may continue and extend the construction of the improved sewerage system of said city and may take land therefor.

Board of aldermen may continue and extend improved sewerage system.

SECT. 2. The city of Boston, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred under this act, may incur indebtedness, and may authorize the city treasurer of said city to issue, from time to time, as may be required therefor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars outside of the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for said city. Such bonds shall be payable within not exceeding thirty years from their date, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to be fixed as provided by the ordinances of said city. Said treasurer shall sell such bonds, or certificates, or any part thereof, from time to time, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of said city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purposes aforesaid; *provided, however,* that the premiums, if any, received in the sale of such bonds or certificates shall be paid over to the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city, and be placed in the sinking fund created for the payment of the loan herein authorized. Except as herein otherwise provided the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes and of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four shall apply to the issue of such bonds or certificates, and to the establishment of a sinking fund for the payment thereof at maturity.

City may incur indebtedness of \$500,000 outside debt limit, for purposes of this act.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 9, 1889.

[1885, 249.]

1889. — CHAPTER 336.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE LAND FOR THE USES OF THE CITY HOSPITAL OF SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for the uses and purposes of the city hospital of said city, and for other purposes connected with said hospital, may, through the agency of the board of street commissioners of said city, take from time to time any part or parts of that lot or tract of land in said Boston bounded northwest by Harrison avenue, northeast by East Concord street, southeast by Albany street, and southwest by East Chester park, including any land used for public or private streets, ways or courts, within said bounds.

City may take certain tract of land for uses of city hospital.

SECT. 2. The said board of street commissioners shall, within sixty days from the time of taking any lands for the purposes of this act, cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds, for the county of Suffolk, a description of the lands so taken, as certain as is required in an ordinary conveyance of land, and a statement of the purposes for which they were taken, which description and statement shall be signed by a majority of said board.

Description of land taken to be recorded in registry within sixty days.

City to pay damages sustained for land taken under this act.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall pay all damages for injuries to property sustained by any person whose property is taken under authority of this act; and if the said board and the person whose property is taken cannot agree upon the amount of damages, a jury of the superior court may be had to determine the same in the same manner as a jury is had and damages are determined when parties are dissatisfied with an estimate of damages sustained by any person by the laying out of a highway in said city.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 14, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 337.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT REGISTRARS OF VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Registrars of voters to publicly post names added to lists of voters.

SECTION 1. The registrars of voters in the city of Boston shall, from time to time previous to the annual state and municipal elections, cause to be publicly posted, or otherwise submitted to public inspection in or near their central office, all names which shall be added to the lists of registered voters now required to be posted in accordance with section six of chapter sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four and acts in amendment thereof, or in accordance with chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four. Such additional names shall be divided according to precincts and arranged in alphabetical order, and every such name shall be thus posted, or otherwise submitted to public inspection, within forty-eight hours after its registration. The said registrars shall in like manner cause to be posted, or otherwise submitted to public inspection in some convenient place in each ward in said city, the names of the voters so subsequently added to the lists of registered voters in such ward. In case, however, the city council of said city shall authorize the said registrars to publish such additional names from time to time, arranged as above provided, in some one newspaper in said city, then said registrars may make such publication in lieu of posting, or otherwise submitting the same to public inspection, as above required.

City council may authorize publication in newspaper in place of posting.

1875, 63, amended.

SECT. 2. Section four of chapter sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to the appointment of assistant registrars of voters in the city of Boston, is amended by striking out the word "two" in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the word "four;" also by striking out the words "for the remainder of the municipal year" in the sixth and seventh lines, and inserting in place thereof the words "for one year from the respective dates of their appointment," so that as amended the section shall read as follows: "*Section 4.* The registrars shall annually between the first day of May and the first day of October appoint assistant registrars of voters, inhabitants of said city, not exceeding four for each ward, who shall be sworn by one of the registrars to the faithful discharge of their duties, and shall hold office for one year from the respective dates of their appointment, unless sooner discharged by the registrars. They shall receive such compensation as the city council may from time to time determine; but such compensation shall not be regulated by the number of names registered on any list of voters."

Registrars to appoint annually assistant registrars, not exceeding four for each ward.

Compensation.

SECT. 3. Section ten of chapter sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four is amended by striking out the word "and" in the fourth line thereof, and by inserting after the word "militia" in the same line, the words, "assistant assessors of taxes and other persons holding office under appointment made by appointed officers or heads of departments of said city," so that the section as amended shall read as follows: "*Section 10.* No person who holds an office by election or appointment under the government of the United States, of the Commonwealth, or of the city of Boston, except justices of the peace, officers of the militia, assistant assessors of taxes, and other persons holding office under appointment made by appointed officers or heads of departments of said city, shall be appointed registrar or assistant registrar; and the appointment or election of a registrar or assistant registrar to any such office and his acceptance thereof, shall be deemed to be a resignation of his office of registrar or assistant registrar."

Certain officials not to be appointed registrars.

SECT. 4. The registrars of voters of the city of Boston shall, in appointing or designating assistant registrars to hold evening sessions in the various wards of said city previous to the annual and municipal elections, so far as possible, appoint or designate for each ward assistant registrars of different political parties.

May 14, 1889.

### 1889. — CHAPTER 352.

AN ACT PLACING ENGINEERS AND OTHERS HAVING CHARGE OF STEAM-BOILERS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON UNDER CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Engineers, janitors, and all persons having charge of steam-boilers and furnaces in the school buildings in the city of Boston shall be classified and appointed pursuant to the provisions of chapter three hundred and twenty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled, "An Act to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof," and the rules of the civil service commissioners made and established thereunder.

Engineers, janitors, etc., in school-houses, to be classified and appointed under civil service law.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 21, 1889

### 1889. — CHAPTER 366.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE TO WIDEN WEST BOSTON BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The cities of Boston or Cambridge, or either of them within its limits, are authorized, subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes, to widen the bridge between said cities known as West Boston bridge, on its southerly side, not exceeding twenty feet, and to make such changes in said bridge, and draw, and draw-piers connected therewith, and do such other acts as may be necessary and expedient or convenient for this purpose; *provided*, one or more clear openings not less than thirty-six feet in width shall be left through said draw for the passage of vessels.

Cities of Boston or Cambridge may widen West Boston bridge.

Boards of aldermen of said cities may grant locations for street cars on said bridge.

May make certain contracts with street railway companies.

Cities to have care and management of bridge and draw, etc.

SECT. 2. The boards of aldermen of said cities, or either of them within the limits of its city, may by vote grant locations and set apart a portion of said bridge when so widened for the special use of street cars, or may grant locations under the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the Public Statutes; and said boards of aldermen or either of them are hereby authorized and empowered to contract with any street railway company, owning, controlling, or running street cars on said bridge for the making of said widening, or for the payment of all or any part of the expense or cost thereof, and for keeping the same in repair, and for the setting apart as aforesaid of a portion of said bridge when so widened for such special use of such street cars. Such street railway company may acquire private lands, by purchase or lease, for the purpose of making proper approaches to or for the extension of such location. The board of aldermen of the city where such lands are situate may then grant to said company special locations on and over lands so acquired.

SECT. 3. The care and management of the whole of said bridge and draw shall remain in said cities; the expense of all repairs made on that portion of it set apart for the special use of street cars shall be borne by the company owning or controlling said cars, so long as it continues to use it.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 23, 1889.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 379.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE LAND FOR THE USES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

City may take certain land for uses of public library.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for purposes connected with the public library of said city, may, through the agency of the board of street commissioners of said city, take a certain lot of land in said Boston, bounded south by Blagden street, twenty-five and a half feet; east by land known as the new public library lot; north by a passageway, twenty-five and a half feet, and west by a line parallel with and twenty-five and a half feet westerly from said library lot, together with the right to use said passageway in common with others having any right therein, and shall pay for the same with the proceeds of the loan authorized by chapter sixty-eight of the acts of the current year.

Description of land taken to be recorded in registry within sixty days.

SECT. 2. The said board of street commissioners shall, within sixty days from the time of taking said land for the purposes of this act, cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk a description of the land so taken as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, and a statement of the purpose for which it was taken, which description and statement shall be signed by a majority of said board.

City to pay damages.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston shall pay all damages for injuries to property sustained by any person whose property is taken under authority of this act; and if the said board and any person whose property is taken cannot agree upon the amount of damages a jury of the superior court may be had to determine the same in the same manner as a jury is had and damages are determined when parties are dissatisfied with an estimate of damages sustained by any person in the laying out of a highway in said city.

Jury may be had if parties do not agree.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 28, 1889.

[1878, 114; 1880, 222; 1882, 143; 1883, 141; 1887, 60; 1889, 68; 1891, 324.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 404.

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CORRECTION OF TAX BILLS AND THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECT. 2. Section nine of chapter two hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to registration in the city of Boston, as amended by section one of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty is hereby further amended by striking out at the beginning thereof the words, "All corrections of assessed names upon tax bills shall be made by the board of assessors, the registrars of voters, or assistant registrars, on a form of certificate specially prepared for the purpose," and by inserting in place thereof the words: — "All corrections of errors in names upon tax bills of persons assessed shall be made by the board of assessors upon such tax bills and also on forms of certificates prepared for the purpose on personal application of the person assessed, or such corrections may be made by the registrars or assistant registrars of voters when application is made to them by the persons assessed for the purpose of registering as voters."

Errors in names  
to be corrected  
on tax bills by  
assessors, and  
on certificates.

## 1889. — CHAPTER 419.

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO EMPLOY LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of police of the city of Boston may employ legal assistance, as they may deem necessary, to assist them in the performance of their duties, and incur liability therefor to an amount not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars in any municipal year, and expenses so incurred shall be paid by the city of Boston upon the requisition of said board.

Board of police  
may employ  
legal assistance.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 5, 1889.

[1885, 323.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 423.

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR DUTY ON ELECTION DAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

The board of police for the city of Boston may appoint for duty on days on which elections are to be held in said city such number of special police officers as said board may find to be necessary. The officers so appointed shall receive the same compensation which reserve police officers now receive, and such compensation shall be paid by the city treasurer upon the requisition of said board.

Board of police  
may appoint  
special police  
for election day.

June 6, 1889.

[1878, 244; 1885, 323.]



## 1889. — CHAPTER 438.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED MARINE PARK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Park commis-  
sioners may fill  
in, etc., certain  
area of tide-  
water.

SECTION 1. The board of park commissioners of the city of Boston, subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes, excepting so much of section sixteen of said chapter as requires the payment into the treasury of compensation for the rights and privileges hereby granted in land of the Commonwealth, may make such excavation and filling and erect and maintain such structures in and over the area of tide water at or near Dorchester point in South Boston which lies east of the westerly line of Q street, extending southerly into old harbor, and northerly to the southerly line of the reserved channel as established by the board of harbor and land commissioners and approved by the governor and council under chapter forty-six of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and south of the said southerly line of said reserved channel as the said board may deem necessary or desirable for the purposes of a public park, in accordance with the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Lands of the  
Commonwealth  
to be used solely  
for public park.

SECT. 2. All lands of the Commonwealth which are occupied or enclosed under the provisions of this act shall be appropriated to and used solely for the purposes of a public park.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 7, 1889.

[1875, 185; 1885, 360; 1887, 427.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 439.

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE BUILDING, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A SYSTEM OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL FOR THE MYSTIC AND CHARLES RIVER VALLEYS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Governor to  
appoint three  
men, to consti-  
tute board of  
metropolitan  
sewerage com-  
missioners.

SECTION 1. The governor by and with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint three able and discreet men, inhabitants of the Commonwealth, who shall constitute a board to be known as the metropolitan sewerage commissioners, and who shall hold office, one for the term of five years, one for the term of four years and one for the term of three years beginning with the first Monday in January in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine; and in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and annually thereafter the governor shall appoint, as aforesaid, one such commissioner to hold office for the term of three years beginning with the first Monday in January in the year of his appointment, and in case of any vacancy occurring in said board by resignation or otherwise shall in the same manner appoint a commissioner for the residue of the term, and may in the same manner remove any commissioner. The members of said board shall each receive the salary of three thousand dollars per year.

Tenure of office.

Salaries.

Organization  
of board.

Clerk.

SECT. 2. Said board shall, as soon as may be after its appointment and annually thereafter on the first Monday of February of each year, organize by the choice of one of its members as chairman, and shall at the same meeting elect a clerk, who shall not be a

member of said board, and may from time to time appoint such agents, officers, and servants as it may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, and may determine their duties and compensation and remove the same at pleasure. Said board shall be furnished with an office in some suitable place in the city of Boston in which the maps, plans, and documents relating to its business, and to the sewers, land, and other property in its charge, and records of all its doings shall be kept.

Board to have office in Boston.

SECT. 3. Said board shall construct, maintain, and operate for the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Malden, Chelsea, Woburn, and the towns of Stoneham, Melrose, Winchester, Arlington, Belmont, Medford, Everett, and Winthrop, such main sewers and other works as shall be required for a system of sewage disposal for said cities and towns, and for the cities of Boston, Waltham, and Newton, and the towns of Watertown and Brookline another such system, both of which systems shall be in substantial accordance with the plans reported and recommended by the state board of health in its report to the legislature of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine; and for that purpose may make all contracts necessary for the construction of the sewers and works aforesaid, or may where deemed advisable carry on such construction by day labor. Said board may from time to time contract with any other city or town for the extension thereto of either of said systems of sewage disposal, and for the reception and disposal of sewage therefrom.

Board to construct two systems of sewage disposal.

Board may contract with cities and towns for extension of systems.

SECT. 4. Said board acting on behalf of the Commonwealth may take by purchase or otherwise any lands, water-courses, rights of way or easements, and may take by purchase or otherwise or enter and use any existing sewers or parts of sewers necessary for the carrying out under the provisions of this act of the recommendations and plans of said state board of health contained in its said report. When any lands, water-courses, rights of way or easements, or any sewers or parts of sewers are so taken or entered and used in any manner other than by purchase or agreement, said board shall within thirty days of said taking or entering and using cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district in which such lands, water-courses, rights of way or easements, or sewers or parts of sewers lie, a description of the same as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which the same is taken or entered and used, which description shall be signed by a majority of said board; and the fee of the lands, water-courses, rights of way or easements, or sewers or parts of sewers so taken or purchased shall vest in the Commonwealth, which shall pay, in the manner hereinafter described, all damages that shall be sustained by any person or corporation by reason of such taking or entering as aforesaid. Such damages to be agreed upon by said board and the person or corporation injured; and if the parties cannot agree, a jury in the superior court of the county in which the property taken or damaged is situated, may be had to determine the same in the same manner as a jury is had and damages are determined in the case of persons dissatisfied with the estimate of damages sustained by the laying out of ways in the city of Boston: *provided, however*, that no suit for such damages shall be brought after the expiration of two years from the date of the recording of the taking or entering as herein required.

Board may take lands, water-courses, etc., for purposes of this act.

Description of lands, etc., taken, to be recorded in registry within thirty days.

Jury may be had if parties cannot agree on damages.

SECT. 5. Said board may, for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct any sewer by it to be made and constructed under or over any water-course, or any street, turnpike road, railroad, highway, or other way in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct or impede

Board may carry and conduct sewers, over and under, and may enter upon, water-

courses, streets, etc., for purposes of this act, subject, etc. travel thereon; and may enter upon and dig up any such road, street, or way for the purpose of laying down sewers beneath the surface thereof, and for maintaining and repairing the same; and in general may do any other acts and things necessary or convenient and proper for the purposes of this act. In entering upon and digging up any such road, street, or way of public travel it shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as may be made by the mayor and aldermen or selectmen of the cities and towns respectively wherein such works shall be performed.

Streets, etc., dug up to be restored to good order and condition.

Commonwealth to indemnify cities and towns for defects in roads, etc., caused by construction of sewer.

SECT. 6. Whenever said board shall dig up any road, street, or way, as aforesaid, it shall so far as practicable restore the same to as good order and condition as the same was in when such digging commenced. And the Commonwealth shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the several cities and towns within which such roads, streets, or ways may be against all damages which may be recovered against them respectively, and shall reimburse to them all expenses which they shall incur by reason of any defect or want of repair in any road, street, or way caused by the construction of any of said sewers, or by the maintaining or repairing of the same: *provided*, that said board shall have due and reasonable notice of all claims for such damages or injury and opportunity to make a legal defence thereto.

Board may alter direction of water-course, and with consent, etc., location of highways.

SECT. 7. Said board may also alter or change the course or direction of any water-course, or may with the consent of the mayor and aldermen of cities or selectmen of towns alter or change the location or grade of any highway, townway, public street, or way of travel crossed by any sewers constructed under the provisions of this act, or in which such sewers may be located.

Separate accounts to be kept for each system.

SECT. 8. Said board shall at all times keep for each of said systems full, accurate, and separate accounts of its receipts, expenditures, disbursements, assets, and liabilities, and shall include an abstract of the same in its annual report to the general court.

Connections of local and private sewers with main sewer, subject to direction of board.

SECT. 9. Any city or town within whose limits any main sewer shall have been constructed under the provisions of this act shall connect its local sewers with such main sewer, subject to the direction and control of said board, and any person, firm, or corporation may, subject to the direction, control, and regulation from time to time of said board, and subject to such terms, conditions, and regulations as each city or town may prescribe, connect private drains with said main sewer.

Penalty for malicious injury to property held by said board.

SECT. 10. Any person or persons who shall wantonly or maliciously destroy or injure any sewer or other property, held or used by said board by the authority and for the purposes of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the Commonwealth three times the amount of the damages that shall be assessed therefor, to be recovered by any proper action. And every such person or persons may, on indictment and conviction of either of the wanton or malicious acts aforesaid, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and imprisonment not exceeding one year.

State board of health to transfer certain books, maps, etc.

SECT. 11. The state board of health shall, on the organization of the board created by this act, transfer and deliver over to said board all books, plans, maps, engineers' reports, instruments, and other property acquired during the surveys and investigations relating to the systems of sewage disposal for the Mystic and Charles river valleys on which the report of the said board of health, hereinbefore referred to, was founded.

Treasurer, with approval of governor, etc., to

SECT. 12. To meet the expenses incurred under the provisions of this act, the treasurer and receiver-general shall with the approval of

the governor and council issue from time to time scrip or certificates of debt in the name and behalf of the Commonwealth and under its seal to an amount not exceeding five million dollars, for a term not exceeding forty years. Said scrip or certificates of debt shall be issued as registered bonds or with interest coupons attached, and shall bear interest not exceeding four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of March and September in each year. Such scrip or certificates of debt shall be designated on the face as the Metropolitan Sewerage Loan; shall be countersigned by the governor, and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth redeemable at the time specified therein in the lawful money of the United States, and shall be sold and disposed of at public auction, or in such other mode, and at such times and prices, and in such amounts and at such rate of interest not exceeding four per centum per annum as the governor and council shall deem for the best interest of the state. The treasurer and receiver-general shall on issuing any of said scrip or certificates of debt establish a sinking fund, and apportion thereto from year to year an amount sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity. But in such apportionment of a sinking fund the assessment shall be at the rate of one-eightieth part of the whole amount in each of the first ten years, one-sixtieth part in each of the second ten years, one-thirtieth part in each of the third ten years, and the remainder equally divided in the next ten years. Any premium realized in the sale of said scrip or certificates of debt shall be applied to the payment of the interest on said loan as it accrues.

Issue scrip to an amount not exceeding \$5,000,000.

1890, 94.

Sinking fund to be established.

Apportionment.

SECT. 13. The supreme judicial court sitting in equity shall, on the application of said board after notice to each of the cities and towns hereinbefore named, appoint three commissioners, who shall not be residents of any of the cities or towns mentioned in this act, who shall after due notice and hearing and in such manner as they shall deem just and equitable determine for each system the proportion in which each of the cities and towns hereinbefore named shall annually pay money into the treasury of the Commonwealth for the term of five years next following the year of the first issue of said scrip or certificates, to meet the interest and sinking fund requirements for each of said years as estimated by said treasurer, and to meet the cost of maintenance and operation of said system for each of said years, as estimated by the said board and certified to said treasurer, and any deficiency in the amount previously paid in, as found by said treasurer, and shall return their award into said court; and when said award shall have been accepted by said court the same shall be a final and conclusive adjudication of all matters herein referred to said commissioners and shall be binding on all parties.

Supreme court to appoint three commissioners to determine proportion to be paid by each city and town.

183 Mass., 508.

Decision of commissioners to be final.

SECT. 14. Before the expiration of said term of five years and every five years thereafter other commissioners, who shall not be residents of any of the cities or towns mentioned in this act, shall be appointed as aforesaid, who shall in such manner as they deem just and equitable determine the proportion in which each of said cities and towns in each of said systems shall annually pay money into the treasury of the Commonwealth as aforesaid for the next succeeding term of five years, and shall return their award into said court; and when said award shall have been accepted by said court the same shall be a final and conclusive adjudication of all matters herein referred to said commissioners and shall be binding on all parties.

Commissioners to be appointed every five years.

SECT. 15. The amount of money required each year from each

Treasurer to estimate and include in annual tax, the amount required each year from each city and town.

such city and town to meet the interest, sinking fund requirements and cost aforesaid for that system in which it is included for each year, and deficiency, if any, shall be estimated by said treasurer in accordance with the proportion determined as aforesaid, and shall be included in and made a part of the sum charged to such city or town, and be assessed upon it in the apportionment and assessment of its annual state tax, and said treasurer shall in each year notify each such city and town of the amount of such assessment, which amount shall be paid by the city or town into the treasury of the Commonwealth at the time required for the payment and as a part of its state tax.

Supreme court to have jurisdiction to enforce provisions of this act.

SECT. 16. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act, and shall fix and determine the compensation of all commissioners appointed by said court under the provisions hereof.

SECT. 17. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 7, 1889.

[1890, 94, 270.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 450.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACTS RELATING TO THE INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH IN BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Inspector to carefully inspect plans, etc., before granting permit.

SECTION 1. Section fifteen of chapter three hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 15.* The said inspector shall not give a permit for the erection or alteration of any building until he has carefully inspected the plans and specifications therefor, and ascertained that the building has sufficient strength, that the means of ingress and egress are sufficient, and that the plans thereof conform to all laws relating to the kind of building contemplated. A copy of plans and specifications of every public building shall be deposited in the office of the inspector."

Buildings to have sufficient water-closets, except, etc

SECT. 2. Section two of chapter three hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 2.* Every such building situated on a public or private street, court, or passageway in which there is a public sewer, and every building connected with any sewer, shall have sufficient water-closets connected with the sewer, and shall not have a cesspool or privy, except where in the opinion of the board of health it can be allowed to remain temporarily, and then only as said board shall approve; and if there is no sewer and said board is of the opinion that the public health requires one, and shall so certify to the board of aldermen of said city, said last named board shall forthwith lay and make a common sewer in such street, court, or passageway: *provided, however,* that said board of aldermen shall not be required in any one year to make sewers in accordance with this act to cost in the aggregate more than ten thousand dollars. Every water fixture having a waste-pipe connected with a sewer or cesspool shall be provided with a separate trap placed as near as practicable to said fixture."

Trap for water fixtures.

SECT. 3. Section three of chapter three hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby

amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 3.* Every building hereafter converted into or used for a tenement-house or lodging-house shall in addition to all other requirements of law conform to the provisions of this act, and every such building shall be carefully inspected at least twice a year under the direction of the board of health, and whenever said board has made an order concerning said building a reinspection shall be made within ten days after said board has been informed that the order has been complied with."

Tenement and lodging houses to conform to law, and be inspected twice a year.

SECT. 4. Section four of chapter three hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "hotels" and inserting in place thereof the following words: "Tenement-house" means a building which, or any portion of which, is occupied, or to be occupied as the residence of more than two families living independently of one another, and doing their cooking upon the premises.

"Tenement-house" defined.

SECT. 5. Section fourteen of chapter three hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the words: "Whenever there shall be more than eight families living in any tenement-house in which the owner thereof does not reside, there shall be, when required by the board of health, a janitor, housekeeper, or some other responsible person, satisfactory to said board, who shall reside in said house and have the charge thereof."

Board of health may require janitors in certain buildings.

SECT. 6. Section eighteen of chapter three hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "*Section 18.* The board of health may by a vote limit the number of occupants in any tenement or lodging house or in any part or parts of the same, and shall in such case cause a notice stating such number to be affixed conspicuously in such building and served on the owner, agent or person having the charge thereof. If the number is exceeded said board may order the premises vacated, and they shall not be again occupied until said board shall so permit, upon being satisfied that the vote will be complied with. Said board may make such further regulation as to overcrowding, ventilation, and occupation of such houses and the cellars thereof and of buildings where persons are employed, not inconsistent with other laws, as they deem proper."

Board of health may limit number of occupants in tenement or lodging houses.

SECT. 7. The board of police for the city of Boston shall, upon requisition by the board of health of said city, detail to the exclusive service and direction of said board of health, for enforcing the laws and ordinances relating to the preservation of health and to tenement and lodging houses, such number, not exceeding five, of police officers satisfactory to the board of health as the board of health may desire, and the services of the police officers so detailed shall be paid for by said board of health; and said officers so detailed shall continue subject to the direction of said board of health until exchanged for others at the request of said last named board. Said board of police are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint patrolmen, in number not exceeding five, to fill any vacancies in the police force in the city which may be caused by the detailing of officers as provided in this act.

Board of police to detail police officers to service of board of health.

1885, 323.

Board of police to appoint patrolmen to vacancies caused by such detail.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 7, 1889.

[1885, 374, 382.]

## 1889. — CHAPTER 456.

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAKING AND COLLECTING OF SEWER ASSESSMENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Owner of estate may enter particular drain into main drain or sewer.

Assessment to be paid upon such entry.

1890, 346.

Amount of assessment to be determined by superintendent of sewers upon completion of main drain.

Owner of certain estate, upon petition and fixing of assessment, may enter particular drain into main drain, etc.

Assessment may be apportioned on request of owner.

Assessment to constitute a lien.

1890, 346.

SECTION 1. The owner of each estate in the city of Boston bordering on a street or on a strip of land through which a main drain or common sewer shall hereafter be constructed in said city, may enter a particular drain into such main drain or common sewer from that part of said estate which is situated within one hundred feet from said street or strip of land; and shall upon and after such entry pay to said city an assessment on such estate equal to the number of square feet of land thereof within one hundred feet of such street or strip of land multiplied by the number representing one two-hundredth part of the average cost per running foot of all the main drains and common sewers of the city of Boston built during the five fiscal years preceding the date of the order to build such main drain or common sewer. No estate shall be assessed more than once for the construction of a drain or sewer except as hereinafter provided, but such estate may be assessed in the manner aforesaid for the cost of renewal or repair of a drain or sewer.

SECT. 2. The amount of every such assessment shall, immediately upon the completion of the main drain or common sewer, be made and determined by the superintendent of sewers of said city, and interest shall be added to the amount assessed at the rate of five per cent. per annum from the date of completion of the main drain or common sewer, as certified in writing by said superintendent in a book to be kept for that purpose in his office; and notice of the date of such completion and of the amount of such assessment shall be given by said superintendent to the person assessed forthwith after the amount of the assessment has been determined.

SECT. 3. The owner of an estate not bordering on a street or strip of land through which a main drain or common sewer is constructed, or of an estate bordering on such street or strip of land extending more than one hundred feet in depth therefrom, may after the amount of the assessment on such estate to be paid therefor has, on the petition of such owner, been fixed by the board of aldermen of said city, enter from such first named estate, or from any part of such last named estate, situated more than one hundred feet from the street or strip of land, a particular drain into the main drain or common sewer, and shall upon and after such entry pay to the said city the amount of the assessment fixed as aforesaid; but such amount shall not exceed the amount he would have had to pay under section one of this act if his estate had bordered on such street or strip of land and had been only one hundred feet in depth therefrom.

SECT. 4. Upon the request of an owner of an estate on which an assessment has been made under this act, made to the board of assessors of said city within ten days after any entry aforesaid, said board of assessors shall apportion the same into three equal parts, and shall add one of said parts with interest as aforesaid to the annual tax of said estate for each of the three years next ensuing.

SECT. 5. Every assessment made under this act shall constitute a lien upon the estate assessed until it is paid, and may with all incidental costs and expenses be levied and collected in the same manner as taxes on real estate are levied and collected; and a person aggrieved by any such assessment may at any time within ten days

after any entry aforesaid apply for and have an abatement of his assessment in the same manner and under like rules of law as a person may apply for and have an abatement of taxes.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 7, 1889.

[1890, 346.]

1890. — CHAPTER 94.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT BONDS ISSUED FOR THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE LOAN SHALL BE REDEEMABLE IN GOLD OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The interest and principal of the scrip or certificates of debt issued by the treasurer of the Commonwealth under authority of chapter four hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, for the metropolitan sewerage loan, shall be payable, and when due shall be paid, in gold coin or its equivalent.

Interest and principal of metropolitan sewerage loan to be paid in gold.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 14, 1890.

1890. — CHAPTER 122.

AN ACT TO CREATE AN ART COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. An art commission for the city of Boston is hereby established, to consist of the mayor of the city of Boston, the president of the trustees of the Boston public library, the president of the trustees of the museum of fine arts, the president of the Boston society of architects, and the president of the Massachusetts institute of technology, each of whom shall be ex-officio a member of the commission. The commission is to serve without pay.

Art commission for Boston created to serve without pay.

SECT. 2. No statue, fountain, ornamental arch or gateway, monument or memorial of any kind shall be erected in any public street, avenue, square, place, common, park, or municipal building, in the city of Boston, unless the design and site for the same shall have been approved in writing by a majority of said commission and their report shall have been made to the city council. Said report shall be made within thirty days from the time when the design and site as above specified shall have been submitted to the commission for their approval.

Design of and site for statues, fountains, etc., to be approved by commission.

SECT. 3. The commission shall, at the request of the mayor, aldermen, or common council, give its advice as to the suitability of the design for any public building, bridge, or other structure, and shall report thereon in writing to the city council.

Commission to give advice on design of public buildings, etc., on request.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 24, 1890.



## 1890. — CHAPTER 210.

## AN ACT RELATING TO UNDERTAKERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Board of health  
to license under-  
takers and es-  
tablish regula-  
tions.

SECTION 1. The board of health of the city of Boston shall in each year license for a term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, a suitable number of undertakers to take charge of the funeral rites preliminary to the interment of a human body, and may establish reasonable regulations for the government of said undertakers and for the fees to be paid for their services; and no person shall engage in the business of an undertaker except persons so licensed.

Penalty for  
engaging in  
business with-  
out license.

SECT. 2. Any person not licensed as above provided who engages in the business of an undertaker, or who, being so licensed, violates any of the regulations established by said board of health as hereinbefore provided, shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence.

April 24, 1890.

[1816, 44.]

## 1890. — CHAPTER 270.

## AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE OR TAKE IN BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH AN EASEMENT IN LANDS, WATER-COURSES, AND RIGHTS OF WAY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter four hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine is hereby amended by adding after the word "lands," in the twentieth line thereof, the words: "or if an easement or other estate less than the fee therein be specified and described in the deed of purchase, or the description and statement of taking to be recorded as aforesaid, such easement or estate therein as is so specified and described, and the," so that said section as amended shall read as follows: "*Section*

Board may take  
lands, etc., for  
purposes of act.

4. Said board acting on behalf of the Commonwealth may take by purchase or otherwise any lands, water-courses, rights of way, or easements, and may take by purchase or otherwise or enter and use any existing sewers or parts of sewers necessary for the carrying out under the provisions of this act of the recommendations and plans of said state board of health contained in its said report. When any lands, water-courses, rights of way, or easements, or any sewers or parts of sewers are so taken or entered and used in any manner other than by purchase or agreement, said board shall within thirty days of said taking or entering and using cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district in which such lands, water-courses, rights of ways, or easements, or sewers or parts of sewers lie, a description of the same as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which the same is taken or entered and used, which description shall be signed by a majority of said board; and the fee of the lands, or if an easement or other estate less than the fee therein be specified and described in the deed of purchase, or the description and statement of taking to be recorded as aforesaid, such easement or estate therein as is so specified

To record de-  
scription of  
lands, etc.,  
taken, within  
thirty days.

and described, and the water-courses, rights of way, or easements, or sewers or parts of sewers so taken or purchased shall vest in the Commonwealth, which shall pay in the manner hereinafter described all damages that shall be sustained by any person or corporation by reason of such taking or entering as aforesaid. Such damages to be agreed upon by said board and the person or corporation injured; and if the parties cannot agree a jury in the superior court of the county in which the property taken or damaged is situated may be had to determine the same in the same manner as a jury is had and damages are determined in the case of persons dissatisfied with the estimate of damages sustained by the laying out of ways in the city of Boston: *provided, however*, that no suit for such damages shall be brought after the expiration of two years from the date of the recording of the taking or entering as herein required."

Damages may be agreed on, or jury had.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 5, 1890.

### 1890. — CHAPTER 271.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS OUTSIDE OF ITS DEBT LIMIT TO PROCURE AND CONSTRUCT ONE OR MORE PUBLIC PARKS IN THE CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for the purpose of procuring and constructing one or more public parks in the Charlestown district of said city, may authorize the city treasurer of said city to issue from time to time, as the mayor of said city may request, bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, to bear interest payable semi-annually at such rate not exceeding four per centum per annum as shall be fixed by said city.

City may authorize treasurer to issue bonds to \$200,000, for park in Charlestown.

SECT. 2. Said treasurer shall sell such bonds or certificates as issued, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of the city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purpose aforesaid; *provided, however*, that he shall pay over to the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city any premiums received by him in the sale of such bonds or certificates; and said board shall place all amounts so paid by said treasurer into the sinking fund for the payment of the loan hereby authorized.

Treasurer to sell bonds and pay expenses for the park.

SECT. 3. The indebtedness incurred under this act shall not, until after the first day of November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and then shall, be considered or reckoned in determining the authorized limit of indebtedness of the city of Boston under the provisions of section four of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes as modified and amended by section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Indebtedness under this act to be outside debt limit, until Nov. 1 1890. 1890, 444.

SECT. 4. Whenever said city shall have authorized the city treasurer to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness as provided in the preceding sections, the park commissioners of said city may take in fee, by purchase or otherwise, land in the Charlestown district of said city of an assessed value not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for one or more public parks, and may expend the balance of the proceeds of the bonds or certificates of indebtedness remaining after such lands have been paid for in constructing or preparing such parks for public use.

City may take in fee, land to value of \$150,000, for park.

Description of  
land taken to be  
recorded within  
thirty days.

SECT. 5. Said city shall, within thirty days from the time when it shall take any lands under this act, cause to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk a description of the lands so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which such land is taken; said description and statement to be signed by the mayor of said city.

City to pay all  
damages.

SECT. 6. The city of Boston shall pay all damages which shall be sustained by any person in his property by reason of any taking of land as aforesaid, and in case the parties cannot agree upon the damages, the city or any party interested may have the damages determined by a jury at the bar of the superior court for said county, in the same manner as a party may have damages caused by the taking of land for highways in said city determined when dissatisfied with an estimate of such damages made by the street commissioners of said city; and costs shall be taxed as in civil cases.

Jury may be had  
to determine  
damages.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 5, 1890.

[1890, 444.]

## 1890. — CHAPTER 338.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPROACHES TO HARVARD BRIDGE IN BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Location and  
grade of ap-  
proaches to  
Harvard bridge  
to be deter-  
mined by each  
city separately.  
183 Mass. 151.

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two shall be construed to mean that the city councils of the cities of Boston and Cambridge shall each have power and authority to locate, construct, and fix the grade of only such portions of the avenues of approach to the bridge as lie within their respective territories outside the harbor lines of Charles river; and that neither city shall have power or authority beyond the harbor lines of said river either to locate, construct, or fix the grade of any portion of said avenues within the territory of the other city.

Acts and doings  
of Cambridge  
ratified.

SECT. 2. The acts and doings of the city of Cambridge in relation to the location, laying out and construction of the avenue of approach to Harvard bridge in said city are hereby ratified and confirmed and made binding upon all parties.

Repeal.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 26, 1890.

[1885, 129; 1887, 282.]

## 1890. — CHAPTER 339.

### AN ACT CHANGING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Boundary line  
between Boston  
and Brookline.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the city of Boston and the town of Brookline is hereby changed and established as follows: Beginning at the stone boundary post in the present boundary line

between Boston and Brookline near the corner of a greenhouse on land of Quincy A. Shaw, said post being marked B R on its northerly side and B O on its southerly side, and running north forty-one degrees, fifty minutes, fifty-four seconds east, six hundred and eighty-eight and forty-four hundredths feet, to the southerly side of Chestnut street; thence south forty-nine degrees, twenty-six minutes, one second east, five hundred and fifty-seven and two hundredths feet, by the southerly line of said Chestnut street to a point at its intersection with the continuation of the westerly line of Pond avenue; thence south eighty-five degrees, fifty-one minutes, seven seconds east, one hundred and seventy-two and seventy hundredths feet; thence north seventy-three degrees, fifty-four minutes, twenty-two seconds east, one hundred and fifty-nine and thirty-one hundredths feet; thence north forty-five degrees, fifty-eight minutes, fifty-five seconds east, one hundred and thirty-six and three hundredths feet; thence north fifteen degrees, forty-one minutes, forty-nine seconds east, seventy-five and fifty-four hundredths feet; thence north thirty-five degrees, thirty-seven minutes, seventeen seconds east, forty-four and sixty-two hundredths feet; thence north fifty-one degrees, thirty minutes, fifty-two seconds east, thirty and sixty-three hundredths feet; thence north seventy degrees, forty-eight minutes, fifty seconds east, forty-four and two hundredths feet; thence south eighty-eight degrees, thirty-one minutes, thirty-two seconds east, forty-seven and fifty six hundredths feet; thence north fifty-five degrees, twenty-one minutes, forty-nine seconds east, thirty-three and sixty-five hundredths feet; thence south sixty-two degrees, fifty three minutes, forty-three seconds east, twenty-five and thirty-five hundredths feet; thence north fifty-nine degrees, thirty-seven minutes, forty-seven seconds east, thirty-five and eighty-eight hundredths feet; thence south eighty-four degrees, fifteen minutes, twenty-two seconds east, sixteen and thirty-six hundredths feet; thence north seventy-three degrees, two minutes, no seconds east, twenty-three and fifty-one hundredths feet; thence north forty-eight degrees, sixteen minutes, fifty-seven seconds east, eighteen and ninety-two hundredths feet; thence north eighty degrees, forty-four minutes, forty-five seconds east, twenty-one and ninety-one hundredths feet; thence south sixty-seven degrees, thirty-nine minutes, forty-seven seconds east, twenty-six and four hundredths feet; thence north seventy-one degrees, two minutes, forty-two seconds east, twenty-one and eighty-four hundredths feet: thence north thirty-seven degrees, fifty-seven minutes, twenty seconds east, twenty-nine and six hundredths feet; thence north seventy degrees, twenty-two minutes, twenty seconds east, thirty-one and ten hundredths feet; thence south seventy-one degrees, ten minutes, seventeen seconds east, twenty-nine and forty-seven hundredths feet; thence north fifty-six degrees, forty-six minutes, eleven seconds east, one hundred and fourteen and seventy-six hundredths feet; thence north twenty-one degrees, thirty-one minutes, thirty-three seconds east, one hundred and sixty-three and twenty hundredths feet; thence north fourteen degrees, forty-three minutes, thirty-four seconds west, sixty-four and eighty-two hundredths feet; thence north twenty-three degrees, no minutes, five seconds east, twenty-nine and sixty-three hundredths feet; thence north nine degrees, thirty-nine minutes, eighteen seconds east, fifty-seven and fifty-five hundredths feet; thence north fourteen degrees, thirty-nine minutes, forty-five seconds west, forty-four and twenty-seven hundredths feet; thence north forty degrees, forty-seven minutes, fifty-seven seconds east, fifty and sixty-one hundredths feet; thence north three degrees,

six minutes, eleven seconds east, thirty-three and eighty-eight hundredths feet; thence north sixteen degrees, twenty-five minutes, thirty-eight seconds east, two hundred and fifty-five and sixty-three hundredths feet; thence north no degrees, thirty-five minutes, twenty-seven seconds east, one hundred three and forty-five hundredths feet; thence north seventeen degrees, thirty minutes, forty-three seconds west, sixty-nine and twenty hundredths feet; thence north two degrees, fifty minutes, seven seconds east, forty and eighty-two hundredths feet; thence north fifteen degrees, forty-three minutes, twenty-four seconds east, fifty and thirty-one hundredths feet; thence north thirty-three degrees, six minutes, nineteen seconds east, seventy-two and sixty hundredths feet; thence north forty degrees, thirty-nine minutes, four seconds east, two hundred and seventy-six and forty hundredths feet; thence north nineteen degrees, seventeen minutes, forty-eight seconds east, one thousand five hundred and eighty and eighty hundredths feet, to a point situated one hundred and sixty-three and twenty hundredths feet easterly from the centre line of Pond avenue measured at right angles thereto; thence north one degree, six minutes, twenty-six seconds east, three hundred and sixty-two and sixty-one hundredths feet; thence north thirty-three degrees, thirty-five minutes, twenty seconds east, three hundred and eighty-six and thirty-five hundredths feet; thence north eighteen degrees, forty minutes, forty-two seconds east, one hundred and ninety-six and forty-seven hundredths feet; thence north thirty-one degrees, forty-four minutes, sixteen seconds east, three hundred and eighty-five and eighteen hundredths feet, to a point situated eighty-seven feet easterly from the centre line of Brookline avenue and measured on the continuation of the southerly side line of Aspinwall avenue; thence north thirty-seven degrees, fifty-nine minutes, fifty-two seconds east, by a line parallel with and eighty-seven feet distant from the centre line of Brookline avenue, fifty feet; thence north thirty-nine degrees, thirty-seven minutes, twenty-two seconds east, three hundred and seventy and twenty-six hundredths feet; thence north fifty-two degrees, no minutes, eight seconds west, ninety-seven and fifty hundredths feet, to the centre line of Brookline avenue, intersecting said line at right angles; thence on the continuation of the last mentioned course for a further distance of ninety-seven feet; thence north thirty-four degrees, forty-seven minutes, forty-one seconds east, two hundred and seventeen and thirty hundredths feet; thence north thirty-four degrees, thirty-six minutes, sixteen seconds west, three hundred and ninety-one and forty-five hundredths feet; thence north forty-eight degrees, sixteen minutes, thirteen seconds west, ninety-nine and ten hundredths feet; thence north twenty-three degrees, three minutes, fifteen seconds east, four hundred and twenty-six and seventy-six hundredths feet; thence north nine degrees, ten minutes, forty seconds east, six hundred and eighty-seven and fifty-three hundredths feet; thence north twenty-three degrees, thirteen minutes, twenty-five seconds east, one hundred and seventy-three and sixty-seven hundredths feet; thence north thirty-nine degrees, fifteen minutes, eight seconds east, three hundred and fifty-seven and ninety-nine hundredths feet; thence north sixty-eight degrees, fifty-nine minutes, nine seconds east, three hundred and fourteen and thirty-six hundredths feet; thence north forty-one degrees, fifty-five minutes, six seconds east, one hundred and one and ninety-eight hundredths feet; thence north four degrees, forty-eight minutes, sixteen seconds east, one hundred and sixty-five and seventy-six hundredths feet; thence north fifty-eight degrees, twenty-five minutes, fifty-nine seconds east, five hundred and seven

and nine hundredths feet; thence north forty-three degrees, thirty-seven minutes, twenty-five seconds east, four hundred and one and ninety-seven hundredths feet, to a point situated on the continuation southerly of the easterly line of St. Mary street, and four hundred and eighty-three and seventy-eight hundredths feet from the southerly side line of Monmouth street; thence north twenty degrees, fourteen minutes, eighteen seconds west, by the continuation of the said easterly line of St. Mary street, thirty feet to the present boundary line between Boston and Brookline. Said new boundary line is shown by a red line delineated on a plan drawn by Alexis H. French, dated February first, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled, "Plan showing a proposed change in the boundary line between Boston and Brookline, Massachusetts," on file in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants of the territory hereby set off from the city of Boston shall continue to have all the rights of such inhabitants of the city of Boston which they now have, and be subject to all the liabilities appertaining to such inhabitants of said city to which they are now subject, until they shall have acquired a new domicile according to law; and no person shall by virtue of the change of boundary hereby made acquire a settlement in the town of Brookline; but all persons residing on the territory hereby set off from the city of Boston, who at the present time have a settlement in the city of Boston, shall continue to have a settlement in said city until they shall have acquired a new settlement according to law; and nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to impair in any way the rights of any person who may be in the process of acquiring a settlement in said city of Boston; and the inhabitants of the territory hereby set off from the town of Brookline shall continue to have all the rights of such inhabitants of the town of Brookline which they now have and be subject to all the liabilities appertaining to such inhabitants of said town to which they are now subject until they shall have acquired a new domicile according to law; and no person shall by virtue of the change of boundary hereby made acquire a settlement in the city of Boston, but all persons residing on the territory hereby set off from said town of Brookline, who at the present time have a settlement in the town of Brookline, shall continue to have a settlement in said town until they shall have acquired a new settlement according to law; and nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to impair in any way the rights of any person who may be in process of acquiring a settlement in said town of Brookline.

SECT. 3. The city of Boston and the town of Brookline shall, notwithstanding this act, remain respectively liable for all damages for the taking of land or other acts done by the boards of park commissioners of said city and town respectively prior to the passage of this act; and all remedies and proceedings for the recovery of such damages shall remain in all respects the same as if this act had not been passed.

SECT. 4. The city of Boston shall, within sixty days after the passage of this act, convey in fee simple to the town of Brookline all the land which said city has heretofore acquired for the park authorized by chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five and which is hereby set off from the city of Boston, but not including any buildings which may be thereon, to be held by said town for the purposes of said park; and the town of Brookline shall in like manner within sixty days after the passage of this act convey in fee simple to the

Inhabitants of territory set off to have same rights and liabilities until new domicile is acquired.

Boston and Brookline to remain liable for acts of their park commissioners.

Certain conveyances and payments to be made by Boston and Brookline.

city of Boston, to be held by said city for the purposes of said park, all the land which said town has heretofore acquired for said park and which is hereby set off from the town of Brookline, but not including any buildings which may be thereon; and said town shall also pay to said city of Boston twenty thousand dollars, to be held by the city treasurer subject to the requisitions of the board of park commissioners of the city of Boston, in payment for the lands taken for said park; and the park commissioners of said town may apply to the payment of said sum any moneys heretofore appropriated by said town for the acquisition of land within said town for the park authorized by said chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five; and in computing for the assessment of betterments the expense of the location and laying out of so much of said park as shall after the passage of this act be within the limits of the town of Brookline, there may be included the said sum of twenty thousand dollars and the actual cost to said town of the land heretofore acquired for said park in said town and hereby set off from said town; and in computing for the assessment of betterments the expense of the location and laying out of so much of said park as shall after the passage of this act be within the limits of the city of Boston, there may be included the actual cost to said city of the land heretofore acquired for said park in said city and hereby set off from said city.

Park commissioners of Brookline may agree with railroad for change in location.

SECT. 5. The park commissioners of the town of Brookline may agree with the directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company upon any change of the location of the railroad in said town of Brookline which said park commissioners may think expedient, and said railroad company, and said park commissioners on behalf said town, may by appropriate conveyances exchange any lands in of said town in order to consummate such agreement; and in case of such conveyance, without further proceedings said railroad company shall acquire title for all railroad purposes to the land conveyed to it by said park commissioners, and the town of Brookline shall acquire title for park purposes to the land in said town conveyed to it by said railroad company.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 27, 1890.

## 1890. — CHAPTER 346.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATING TO SEWER ASSESSMENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

1890, 456,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and fifty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine is hereby amended by striking out, in the ninth line, the words "the number of square feet," and inserting in place thereof the words "one cent for each square foot,"— and also by striking out all after the word "land," in the tenth line, and before the words "No estate," in the fifteenth line, and inserting in place thereof the words, "*provided, however,* that if the total amount of the assessments for said sewer exceeds the total sum of the cost of the sewer, plus a proportionate part of the cost of the outlet thereof, each of said assessments shall be proportionately reduced, so that the total amount thereof shall be equal to said sum," so that said section shall read as follows: "*Section 1.* The owner of each estate in the city of Bos-

ton bordering on a street or on a strip of land through which a main drain or common sewer shall hereafter be constructed in said city may enter a particular drain into such main drain or common sewer from that part of said estate which is situated within one hundred feet from said street or strip of land; and shall upon and after such entry pay to said city an assessment on such estate equal to one cent for each square foot of land thereof within one hundred feet of such street or strip of land: *provided, however,* that if the total amount of the assessments for said sewer exceeds the total sum of the cost of the sewer, plus a proportionate part of the cost of the outlet thereof, each of said assessments shall be proportionately reduced, so that the total amount thereof shall be equal to said sum. No estate shall be assessed more than once for the construction of a drain or sewer except as hereinafter provided, but such estate may be assessed in the manner aforesaid for the cost of renewal or repair of a drain or sewer."

Owners of es-  
tates to pay  
assessment  
upon entry of  
particular drain  
into main drain,  
etc.

SECT. 2. Section five of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out, in the second line, the word "assessed," and inserting in the place thereof the words, "on which the assessment was made," also by striking out, in the fourth and fifth lines, the words "levied and," and also by striking out all after the word "collected," in the fifth line, and inserting in the place thereof the words, "The city collector of said city shall have power to collect, and the assessors of taxes of said city shall have power to abate, such assessments; and all laws relating to the collection and abatement of taxes in said city shall so far as applicable apply to the collection and abatement of such assessments; and when an assessment is made upon a person or corporation by law exempt from the assessment of taxes, the said assessors shall notify said collector not to enforce the collection of such assessment; but when an estate, the collection of the assessment upon which has not been enforced under such notice, comes into the possession of another person as owner, the amount of such assessment shall be paid by such new owner in like manner, subject to the same provisions of law, as if an original assessment," so that said section as amended shall read as follows: "*Section 5.* Every assess-  
ment made under this act shall constitute a lien upon the estate on which the assessment was made until it is paid, and may with all incidental costs and expenses be collected in the same manner as taxes on real estate are collected. The city collector of said city shall have power to collect, and the assessors of taxes of said city shall have power to abate, such assessments; and all laws relating to the collection and abatement of taxes in said city shall so far as applicable apply to the collection and abatement of such assessments; and when an assessment is made upon a person or corporation by law exempt from the assessment of taxes, the said assessors shall notify said collector not to enforce the collection of such assessment; but when an estate, the collection of the assessment upon which has not been enforced under such notice, comes into the possession of another person as owner, the amount of such assessment shall be paid by such new owner in like manner, subject to the same provisions of law, as if an original assessment."

Assessments to  
constitute lien.

Collector to  
collect, and  
assessors to  
abate assess-  
ments.

Laws relating  
to collection,  
etc., of taxes,  
to apply to assess-  
ments under  
this act.

SECT. 3. The board of aldermen of said city shall adjust all sewer assessments made under said act so that the said assessments shall be as if made under the said act as hereby amended, and said city shall thereupon refund any excess in the amount of said assessments paid to said city.

Aldermen to  
adjust assess-  
ments made  
under.  
1889, 456.

SECT. 4. The repeal or alteration by this act of any provisions of law shall not affect any act done, liability incurred, or right accrued

Repeal not to  
affect act done,  
etc.



and established, or any suit or proceedings to enforce such right or liability, under the authority of the laws hereby repealed or altered, except as hereinbefore provided.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 28, 1890.

## 1890. — CHAPTER 355.

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS OUTSIDE ITS DEBT LIMIT TO ERECT AND FURNISH SCHOOL-HOUSES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may authorize treasurer to issue bonds to amount of \$550,000, to erect and furnish school-houses.

1890, 405.

Treasurer to sell bonds and pay expenses incurred.

Indebtedness incurred to be outside debt limit until Nov. 1, 1890.

School committee to have full power of design, construction, etc., of school buildings.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for the purpose of erecting and furnishing school-houses in said city, may, on or before the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety, authorize the city treasurer of said city to issue from time to time, as the mayor of said city may request, bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding five hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to bear interest payable semi-annually at such rate not exceeding four per centum per annum as shall be fixed by said city. And the money raised by the loan as herein authorized shall be used for no other purpose than the erecting and furnishing of school-houses in the city of Boston.

SECT. 2. Said treasurer shall sell such bonds or certificates as issued and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of said city and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purpose aforesaid: *provided, however,* that he shall pay over to the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city any premiums received by him in the sale of such bonds or certificates; and said board shall place all amounts so paid by said treasurer into the sinking fund for the payment of the loan hereby authorized.

SECT. 3. The indebtedness incurred under this act shall not, until after the first day in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and shall then, be considered or reckoned in determining the authorized limit of indebtedness of the city of Boston under the provisions of section four of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes as modified and amended by section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

SECT. 4. The school committee of the city of Boston shall have full power and control of the design, construction, erection and furnishing of all school buildings which may be erected with the proceeds of the loan herein authorized, and are hereby authorized to select and employ an architect or architects to design said buildings and to supervise the construction and erection thereof, and a superintendent or superintendents to take charge of and approve the work; but no work upon any building shall be commenced until full general plans of such building shall have been prepared, and no specific work shall be commenced until the same shall have been duly advertised, proposals for such work shall have been received from responsible parties, and contracts shall have been entered into, with satisfactory guarantees for their performance: *provided, however,* that no contract made under this act shall be valid unless approved by the mayor.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 2, 1890.

[1890, 405.]

1890. — CHAPTER 401.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CALLING OF MEETINGS FOR ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. No warrant shall issue for calling meetings in the several wards of the city of Boston, or in the precincts thereof, or any of them, for elections or other purposes; but the city clerk of said city shall, seven days at least before the day fixed for any meeting, advertise in at least four daily newspapers published in said city, a notice of the time and place of such meeting, the hours for opening and closing the polls, the officers to be chosen, and the question or questions to be voted upon, any provision of the charter of said city or of any special or general law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Warrants not to issue for elections, etc.

City clerk to advertise notice of meetings.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 11, 1890.

[1854, 448; 1878, 243.]

1890. — CHAPTER 405.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS BEYOND ITS DEBT LIMIT TO ERECT AND FURNISH SCHOOL-HOUSES.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter three hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety is hereby amended by striking out the word "June," in the third line, and inserting in place thereof the word "September," so that said section shall read as follows: "*Section 1.* The city of Boston, for the purpose of erecting and furnishing school-houses in said city, may, on or before the first day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety, authorize the city treasurer of said city to issue from time to time, as the mayor of said city may request, bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding five hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to bear interest payable semi-annually at such rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum as shall be fixed by said city."

City may issue bonds to amount not exceeding \$550,000, to erect and furnish school-houses.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 11, 1890.

1890. — CHAPTER 412.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY THE SUPERVISORS WHO SERVED AT THE LAST STATE AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may by action of the city council pay to the supervisors who served in said city at the last state and municipal elections, and who were appointed under the authority of chapter two hundred and ninety-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, a sum not exceeding five dollars each for each day's service.

City may pay supervisors for services at last election.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 13, 1890.

## 1890. — CHAPTER 418.

## AN ACT RELATING TO OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

- City council may by ordinance determine tenure of office of persons in charge of departments.
- SECTION 1.** Every person now or hereafter having sole or joint charge of a department of the city of Boston shall hold office for such term, not exceeding three years beginning with the first day of May in the year of his appointment, as the city council may by ordinance determine, and until his successor is appointed and confirmed : *provided, however,* that all members of boards and all trustees shall hold office for such terms as may be specified in the statutes creating them and until their respective successors are appointed and confirmed, but such terms shall begin with the first day of May in the year of appointment. All officers, except election officers and those above named, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the board of aldermen of said city, shall hold office for terms of one year beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment and until their respective successors are appointed and confirmed. Any officer appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the board of aldermen of said city may be removed by the mayor for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall assign in his order for removal.
- Tenure of office of officers appointed by mayor.
- Removal.
- Term "subordinate" defined.
- SECT. 2.** The term "subordinate" in this act, and in all other acts relating to the city of Boston or its departments, shall be construed to include only assistants, deputies, clerks, and other officers, appointed by an officer or board in charge of a department, and paid a yearly salary.
- Tenure of office of subordinate.
- SECT. 3.** Every subordinate of a department of said city shall continue to hold his office until removed by the officer or board in charge of the department, for such cause as he, or it, shall deem sufficient, and shall assign in the order of removal.
- Contracts for erection of, or structural changes in buildings, subject to approval of mayor.
- SECT. 4.** Every officer or board in charge of a department in said city, when authorized to erect a new building or to make structural changes therein, shall make contracts therefor, not exceeding five, each contract to be subject to the approval of the mayor ; and when about to do any work or to make any purchase, the estimated cost of which amounts to or exceeds two thousand dollars, shall, unless the mayor give a written authority to do otherwise, invite proposals therefor by advertisements in not more than four daily newspapers published in said city, such advertisements to state the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisements, and reserving in such invitations the right to the officer or board to reject any or all proposals.
- Proposals required for contracts exceeding \$2,000, unless, etc.
- SECT. 5.** Every proposal for doing such work or making such sale shall be accompanied by a suitable bond, certified check, or certificate of deposit, for the faithful performance of such proposal, and all such proposals shall be kept by the officer or board inviting the same, and shall be open to public inspection after said proposals have been accepted or rejected.
- Proposals to be accompanied by bond.
- SECT. 6.** All contracts made by any department of the city of Boston shall, when the amount involved is two thousand dollars or more, be in writing, and no such contract shall be deemed to have been made or executed until the approval of the mayor in writing is affixed thereto. All such contracts shall be accompanied by a suitable bond or deposit of money or other security for the faithful performance of such contracts, and such bonds or other security shall be deposited with the city auditor until the contract has been carried
- Contracts involving \$2,000 to be in writing, and subject to approval of mayor, and accompanied by bond.

out in all respects; and no such contract shall be altered except by a written agreement of the contractor, the sureties on his or their bond, and the officer or board making the contract, with the approval of the mayor affixed thereto.

*Alteration of contract.*

SECT. 7. The treasurer of said city, when authorized to issue any bonds or certificates of indebtedness of said city, except for a loan in anticipation of taxes for the year in which the loan is made, shall, unless the commissioners of the sinking funds or persons having charge of any trust funds of said city purchase the same, invite proposals for the purchase thereof by advertisements in four daily newspapers published in said city, reserving to himself the right to reject any and all bids; in case no such proposal is accepted, the treasurer may, with the approval of the mayor, award or give any part of the loan, or the entire loan in parts to any other person or party, provided only it be at a price or sum not less than par. The rate of interest on such certificates of indebtedness for a loan in anticipation of taxes shall be fixed by said treasurer.

*Treasurer, when issuing bonds. to invite proposals.*

*Rate of interest.*

SECT. 8. Section five of chapter two hundred and sixty six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby repealed.

*Repeal, 1885, 206, s. 5.*

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*June 16, 1890.*

[1885, 266; 1889, 245, 297, 320, 337; 1890, 122, 355; 1891, 206, 321, 323.]

#### 1890. — CHAPTER 444.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS OUTSIDE OF ITS DEBT LIMIT TO PROCURE AND CONSTRUCT ONE OR MORE PUBLIC PARKS IN THE CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter two hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety is hereby amended by striking out the words "until after the first day of November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and then shall," in the first, second, and third lines thereof, so that said section as amended shall read as follows: "*Section 3.* The indebtedness incurred under this act shall not be considered or reckoned in determining the authorized limit of indebtedness of the city of Boston under the provisions of section four of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes as modified and amended by section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five."

*1890, 271. Amended.*

*Indebtedness incurred to be outside debt limit.*

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*June 28, 1890.*

#### 1890. — CHAPTER 454.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WEST END STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO BUILD ELEVATED RAILROADS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The West End Street Railway Company is hereby authorized from time to time to construct, equip, maintain, and operate, as hereinafter provided, a system of elevated railroads in the city

*West End Street Railway Company may construct, etc.,*

elevated rail-  
road in Boston,  
etc.

1891, 365.

Company to file  
petition for loca-  
tion with board  
of aldermen be-  
fore construct-  
ing road.

Petition to set  
forth grade,  
gauge, etc., of  
proposed track.

Board of alder-  
men to give  
notice of hear-  
ing upon  
petition.

Location to be  
approved by  
railroad com-  
missioners.

No location to  
be granted upon  
Boston com-  
mon, etc.

Revocation of  
location.

of Boston and in the other cities and towns in which it is now authorized to run cars; and may also from time to time extend the system in such cities and towns, and at convenient places connect the tracks of said elevated railroads with the surface or other tracks of said railway company by the construction and use of inclined planes.

SECT. 2. Said railway company before commencing the construction of any elevated railroad, or any extension thereof, shall file a petition authorized by its board of directors for the location thereof with the board of aldermen of the city or the selectmen of the town in which it proposes to construct, equip, maintain, and operate an elevated railroad, and with said petition shall file a route plan showing through, across, upon, and over what streets, ways, public or private lands it proposes to construct, equip, maintain, and operate said railroad, together with a general plan showing the proposed form of construction, including stations and platforms, and whether said railroad is to be single or double tracked, with the desired turnouts, crossovers, inclines, and connections. Said petition shall also set forth the grade and gauge of the proposed track, and the height at which the lowest part of the girders supporting the track or structure shall be from the ground, but said company shall not construct an incline to connect the tracks of its surface and elevated roads in any street without leaving free for the passage of vehicles in said street not less than twenty-four feet in addition to sidewalk accommodations.

SECT. 3. The board of aldermen of such city or the selectmen of such town upon the filing of said petition by said railway company, shall give notice thereof to all parties interested, by publication in two or more newspapers, or otherwise, as they may determine, at least fourteen days before their meeting, of the time and place at which they will consider such location; and after a hearing the board of aldermen of such city, by a yea and nay vote of two-thirds of the whole number of said board, and the selectmen of such town, may grant the same or any portion thereof; but no location shall be valid until it is first approved by the railroad commissioners; and any location thus granted and approved by the railroad commissioners shall be deemed and taken to be the true and permanent location of said elevated railroad and to give said company the right to construct, equip, maintain, and operate the same upon filing with said board of aldermen or selectmen a written acceptance thereof by said company, authorized by the directors of said company, together with a copy of the certificate of compliance of the commissioners provided for in section six of this act, and a copy of the certificate of approval of the railroad commissioners as provided in section four of this act: *provided, however*, that nothing in this act contained shall be deemed to confer power to grant a location on Boston common or upon any public park in any city or town: *provided further*, that such location may be revoked in whole or in part by a vote of the selectmen of such town or by a yea or nay vote of two-thirds of the whole number of the board of aldermen of such city, if approved by the board of railroad commissioners, and upon the payment by such city or town of such damage as may be sustained by the said railway company by reason of such revocation, not including, however, in such damage the loss of the franchise so revoked. But nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation upon the right of the railway company to petition anew for a location that has once been refused, or for a new or other location when a former location or a former petition for a location has been refused or lapsed for any reason, or a limitation upon the right of such aldermen or selectmen to grant the same. Any location granted to said company on which a structure has

not been built shall be void unless within five years from the time of granting such location an elevated railroad shall have been constructed and put in operation thereon. In all cases where anything is or may be required or authorized to be done under this act by the board of aldermen by a majority or two-thirds vote the said board shall first act thereon, and such action shall be presented to the mayor for his approval; and the same proceedings shall be had as are provided in section forty-seven of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECT. 4. After said railway company shall have obtained an order for the location of an elevated railroad or any extension thereof, as provided in section three of this act, and before proceeding to construct the same, it shall file with the railroad commissioners a plan showing such location and the form of construction proposed with such details as they may require. Said commissioners shall examine the same, and may employ, at the expense of said railway company, some competent engineer with whom to consult in relation thereto. When said construction plans are satisfactory to said commissioners they shall give a certificate approving the same. If said construction plans as filed are not satisfactory said commissioners may require them to be changed before giving their said certificate of approval. And said railway company upon receiving said certificate of approval and upon complying with the other requirements of this act shall be authorized to construct, equip, maintain, and operate said elevated railroad or any extension thereof according to said plans so approved. Any structure erected in accordance with said construction plans may be modified or changed in minor details from time to time by said railway company, with the consent of said railroad commissioners, as the public interests may require; and modifications of such details shall be made from time to time whenever said board, after a hearing, decides that the public interest requires such modifications.

SECT. 5. The location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of elevated railroads authorized by this act, upon, through, or over any street or way, shall, as an entirety, be deemed an additional servitude over and above existing easements and servitudes, in or upon said street or way, for which additional servitude any damages caused thereby may be recovered, as herein provided, by the owner of the fee or other estate in that part of any street or way upon, through, or over which said elevated railroads may be constructed, and by the owner or lessee of any estate abutting on that part of the street or way upon, through, or over which said elevated roads may be constructed. Said railway company, after obtaining the certificate of approval of the railroad commissioners, hereinbefore named, shall file in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth a copy of such certificate and a copy of the order or orders of location granted by the aldermen or selectmen; and thereupon the governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint three disinterested persons as commissioners to estimate the damages and benefits, if any, caused by the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of said elevated roads, to said abutters or other owners or lessees as herein provided. Any vacancies occurring in said commission shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. Said commissioners shall examine the property of such abutting or other owners or lessees, and shall notify such owners or lessees thereof in such manner as they may determine, and within six months from the time of their appointment shall file with the secretary of the Commonwealth their estimate, according to their best judgment, of the damages, if any,

Grant of location to be void, unless road constructed, etc., thereon, within five years.

Company to file plan of location and form of construction with railroad commissioners, for approval.

Changes and modifications subject to approval of railroad commissioners.

Location, construction, etc., of elevated railroad to be deemed an additional servitude.

Governor to appoint three commissioners to estimate damages caused by location, etc., of road.

Commissioners to file report within six months.

Within one year from filing report, company to obtain releases from, or written consent of abutting owners, etc., to construction of road, or may file bond to pay damages recovered.

Accrual of damages, time of.

Suit not to be brought until two years from filing copy of order of location.

Petition for assessment of damages by jury to be brought within two years.

caused as aforesaid to each parcel of real estate of said abutting and other owners or lessees; less the benefit, if any, to each said parcel of real estate by reason of the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of said elevated roads. And said railway company shall, within one year from the filing of said estimate, obtain from said abutting or other owners or lessees, respectively, as to each parcel, either a release of said damages or their written consent to the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of said road, or shall give a bond to the parties to be designated by said commissioners and in a form to be prescribed, approved, and in a sum to be fixed by them, as to each parcel of real estate, for the benefit of the several owners or lessees thereof who shall apply to said commissioners in writing for the same within six months from the filing of said estimate, binding said company to pay the damages that may be recovered against said railway company as herein provided, if said railway company shall thereafter construct said elevated railroad; said bonds to be filed with the secretary of the Commonwealth for the benefit of all parties interested thereunder. And said railway company upon the filing of said estimate shall give notice thereof to said owners and lessees in such manner as said commissioners shall determine. Said railway company shall not be required to furnish a surety upon any of its said bonds unless said commissioners shall, upon a hearing, adjudge that its bonds are insufficient; and if any surety is required to be furnished said commissioners or any one of them may examine and approve said sureties. Said commissioners shall be paid for their services hereunder, including clerk-hire and other expenses, such a sum as the governor and council may approve, but not exceeding twelve thousand dollars in any one year, the same to be paid by said railway company. The damages, if any, which may be caused by the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of said elevated railroads shall not be deemed to accrue prior to the date of the filing in the registry of deeds of the acceptance of location and certificate provided for in section six, but no suit shall be brought to recover any damages which may be caused by the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of said road until the expiration of two years after the filing in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth of the copy of the order of location provided for in this section. After the expiration of said time an action may be brought for damages as herein provided, and in such action the damages to be recovered shall be for the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of such road as an entirety: *provided, however*, that if said company shall fail to operate said railroad in so much of the street or highway upon which the estate or property abuts, for damages to which the action is brought, such action for damages may be maintained. The owner of the fee or other estate on either side of that part of any street or way upon, through, or over which said elevated railroads may be located or constructed, and the owner or lessee of any estate abutting on either side of that part of the street or way upon, through, or over which said elevated railroads may be located, constructed, equipped, maintained, and operated, which estate is damaged as aforesaid by the location, construction, equipping, maintenance, and operation of said elevated railroads, may petition the superior court for the county in which said estate is situated, at any time within two years after the filing in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth of the copy of the order of location provided for in this section, for the assessment of his or their damages, caused by the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of said elevated railroad, by

a jury, and such damages shall be ascertained, determined, and recovered as an entirety in the same manner as provided in section one hundred and five of chapter forty-nine of the Public Statutes, and with like allowance by way of set-off for the benefit, if any, to such estate as is provided in section sixteen of said chapter forty-nine. All parties petitioning, interested in any one estate, situated upon the same street, either as owners or lessees, shall join in the same petition and have but one right of action and one recovery for all said parties and for all their damages for the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of said elevated railroads, and said damages shall in such case be assessed and apportioned by the jury in the manner provided in section twenty-two of said chapter forty-nine; and all proceedings hereunder shall conform to sections eighteen to twenty-one, inclusive, and sections twenty-three to thirty, inclusive, of said chapter forty-nine, and all acts in amendment thereof so far as the same are applicable and not already provided for by this act. No city or town wherein a location for an elevated railroad shall be granted in pursuance of this act shall be entitled to recover damages for the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of such railroads, by reason of its ownership of or interest in any public streets, highway, common, or park, and the granting of any location in any city or town shall be deemed a waiver thereof by said city or town, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any city or town from recovering damages for any injury done or caused by the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of such railroad to any other estate or property which such city or town may own abutting on that part of a street or way in, upon, or over which said elevated railroad shall be located, constructed, equipped, maintained, and operated. And no such city or town shall be liable for any damages resulting from any act or neglect of said company, or resulting directly or indirectly from the granting of any such location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of said elevated railroad. When said railway company shall have accepted the first location granted as aforesaid, it shall file with the secretary of the Commonwealth a bond in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars to the cities and towns included in such location, and for their benefit in such amounts respectively as the board of railroad commissioners may determine, for the forfeiture of such amounts if such companies shall not within two years from the acceptance of such location construct ready for operation not less than three miles of single track or one and one-half miles of double track.

Parties interested in any one estate to join in same petition.

Cities and towns not entitled to damages by reason of ownership of parks, highways, etc.

Cities and towns not liable for damages in certain cases.

Company to file bond of \$500,000 to cities and towns included in location, to construct track within two years. 1891, 365.

Commissioners to issue certificate of compliance with provisions of this act, and upon recording, etc., company to proceed to construct road.

SECT. 6. When said railway company has obtained a release of damages or the consent in writing of the abutting or other owners, or filed the bonds provided for in section five hereof for the benefit of parties applying for the same as therein provided, the commissioners provided for in section five of this act shall issue a certificate of compliance that said releases or consents have been obtained, or said bonds have been filed, and upon the issuing of said certificate said railway company may, upon and after filing for record in the registry of deeds in each of the counties in which it has obtained a location, a copy of the location and of its acceptance thereof as provided in section three of this act, together with a copy of the certificate of approval of the railroad commissioners as provided in section four of this act, and a copy of the commissioners' certificate of compliance, as provided in this section, proceed to construct, equip, maintain, and operate said elevated railroad.

SECT. 7. After said elevated railroad has been constructed, or any



Railroad commissioners to examine road before opening for public travel, and give certificate.

portion thereof, but before the same shall be open for public travel, it shall be examined by said railroad commissioners, or by some competent person to be employed by them for that purpose, but to be paid by said railway company; and if the same has been constructed in accordance with the plans approved by them, and shall be deemed by them to be safe for public travel, they shall give a certificate to said railway company to that effect, which certificate shall be filed for record in the registry of deeds in each of the counties in which said road is constructed, and after such filing for record said railway company shall be authorized to open and maintain the same for public travel.

Company may purchase estates, rights, etc., for construction of, and purposes incident to maintenance and operation of road.

SECT. 8. Said corporation may from time to time purchase so much real estate or any right or interest therein, and materials, either within or without the limits of the route fixed, as may be necessary for the proper construction, maintenance, operation, and security of said elevated railroad, or as may be at any time necessary for station, depot purposes, power-houses, car-houses, machine-shops or other purposes incident to the use and operation of said road; and, if it is unable to obtain the same by agreement with the owner, it may take the same, with the consent of the board of railroad commissioners, for station and depot purposes, and for the construction and use of inclined planes, as provided in section one, after it has commenced the construction of said elevated railroad as herein provided, by the right of eminent domain, by filing in the registry of deeds for the county where the land lies a declaration of its intention so to do, with a description of the property so taken sufficient for identification; and the damages therefor shall, in case of disagreement with the parties injured by such taking, be ascertained, determined, and recovered in the same manner as is now provided in cases where land is taken for highways.

Company may cross tide-waters, etc., under supervision of harbor and land commissioners.

SECT. 9. Said railway company shall have the right to cross tide-waters, either upon existing bridges or upon bridges to be constructed wholly or in part by it under the supervision of the harbor and land commissioners, in the same manner as is provided in section eight of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes; any changes or alterations in existing bridges over tide-waters necessary to enable them to be used by said railway company shall be made by and at the expense of said railway company under like supervision; and it shall be subject to the same laws, rules, and regulations relating to the opening and closing of draws over tide-waters by the city of Boston as may now or hereafter exist in said city; but said company shall not cross tide-waters except upon ways, highways, or bridges now or hereafter existing, without first obtaining the consent of the harbor and land commissioners.

Company may issue common stock to pay damages and expenses incurred under this act, subject to P.S. 112, ss. 58-9.

SECT. 10. Said railway company, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in constructing and equipping said elevated railroads, and the introduction of electricity thereon, and expenses incident thereto, including in said expenses the payment of all damages provided for by and under this act, the cost of real estate, power plant, and buildings required in the maintenance and operation of said elevated roads, together with the engineering and other incidental expenses, may from time to time issue its common stock to the amount of said expenses in the manner now provided in sections fifty-eight and fifty-nine of chapter one hundred and twelve of the Public Statutes; and on furnishing evidence of such expenses satisfactory to the railroad commissioners, they shall from time to time issue certificates permitting such issue of common stock to be made.

Company to restore surface of street to good condition, after excavating, etc.

SECT. 11. Whenever said railway company shall make any excavation in or near any public highway, or shall set any foundation, pier, or post in or near the same, the surface of the street, sidewalk, or

other ground shall be restored as soon as practicable to the condition it was in before the excavation was made, as near as may be; and no interference shall be had with, or change made in, water or gas mains, or pipes, sewers, drains, or other subterranean works, except with the consent of the board of aldermen of the city or selectmen of the town in which such changes are made, and the railway company shall be at the expense of all such changes.

Not to interfere with sewers, etc., except.

SECT. 12. Said railway company may operate its cars by the use of electricity, and may carry its electric wires for the operation of its surface and elevated roads upon or over the elevated structures it is authorized by this act to erect, and may use such other motive power in the operation of its elevated railroads, as the railroad commissioners may from time to time approve.

Company may operate cars by electricity, etc.

SECT. 13. Said railway company may acquire by purchase, gift, or lease, private lands and rights of way through, across, and over private lands, for the purposes herein specified or for purposes necessary for the maintenance and operation of the surface road of said company, and it is hereby authorized to construct and maintain its tracks and elevated structures and run its surface or elevated cars over the same; but it shall be liable for damages, if any, caused to owners of land abutting on that portion of the lines of said elevated railroad which may be constructed on said private lands, by the location, construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of an elevated railroad over said private lands or ways, to be recovered as herein provided for the recovery of damages for the construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of an elevated railroad through, across, and over a public way or street.

Company may acquire by purchase, etc., private lands for purposes of this act.

SECT. 14. Copies of all locations granted by any city or town as herein provided, certified by the clerk of the city or town granting the same, and copies of all certificates of the railroad commissioners herein authorized, certified by the clerk of the railroad commissioners, and copies of the estimate of damages of the commissioners and certificates granted by and documents filed with them or the secretary of the Commonwealth provided for in sections five and six of this act, certified by the secretary of the Commonwealth, shall be competent evidence in all cases equally with the originals thereof.

Copies of certificates, etc., to be competent evidence.

SECT. 15. If said railway company shall fail to file its certificate of acceptance of a location for an elevated railroad within two years from the first day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety, or shall fail within two years after the filing of said acceptance to construct ready for operation not less than three miles of single track or one and one-half miles of double track of elevated railroad, all rights hereunder shall cease.

All rights under act to cease, unless certificate, etc., is filed within two years, 1891, 365.

SECT. 16. The rate of fare on said elevated road shall not exceed five cents, whether the ride for which the fare is charged be upon the elevated road alone or for a continuous ride in the same car partly upon the elevated road and partly upon the surface road of the said company, and the rate of fare for a transfer to or from a car running partly on the elevated road and partly on the surface road of said company to or from a car running only on the surface road of said company shall not exceed the rate of fare now or hereafter charged for a transfer between the same points to or from cars running only upon the surface road of said company.

Rate of fare on elevated road.

SECT. 17. Any person entitled under this act to bring a suit for damages, which fails of a sufficient service or return by an unavoidable accident, or which has been brought in the wrong venue, or the writ or petition in which is abated or defeated in consequence of a defect in the form thereof or because the proper parties have not

New suit in case of defects, mistakes in original suit.

been introduced or the necessary parties joined, or the judgment in which is arrested, after a verdict for the plaintiff, may commence a new suit for the same cause at any time within six months after the abatement or other determination of the original suit; and a person who omits to file his petition for a jury for the assessment of damages as provided by this act within the time provided herein, and who has not received at least sixty days' actual notice of the proceedings whereby he is entitled to such damages, may within six months after the actual construction of the said railroad in so much of the street or highway upon which the estate or property abuts (for damages to which he seeks to recover) file his petition for assessment thereof by a jury in the superior court.

SECT. 18. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

July 2, 1890.

[1891, 365.]

### 1891. — CHAPTER 88.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FROM WARDS TWENTY-TWO AND TWENTY-FIVE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Three members of common council to be hereafter elected from wards 22 and 25.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight is hereby amended by striking out the word "two," in the fourth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word "three," so that said section shall read as follows: "*Section 1.* At the next municipal election in the city of Boston and at each municipal election thereafter the qualified voters of each of the wards numbered twenty-two and twenty-five shall give in their votes for three able and discreet men, qualified voters in the ward, to be members of the common council for the ensuing year. The election of said officers shall be conducted and records thereof kept in the manner provided for the other wards of said city, and the members of the common council now elected from said wards shall continue to hold their office until the expiration of the present municipal year, according to the laws in force at the time of their election."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 17, 1891.

[1887, 210; 1888, 175.]

### 1891. — CHAPTER 93.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ANTICIPATE ITS AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY WITHIN ITS DEBT LIMIT FOR ANY CURRENT MUNICIPAL YEAR.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may borrow at any time within debt limit, on estimate of sinking funds commissioners, etc.

SECTION 1. The commissioners of sinking funds of the city of Boston, together with the treasurer and auditor of said city, shall before the first day of April in each year certify to the city council their estimate of the amount which said city will be able to borrow during the current municipal year within the debt limit established by law; and said city is hereby authorized to borrow such estimated amount, or any portion thereof, at any time or times during such current municipal year.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 18, 1891.

[1885, 178.]

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1891. — CHAPTER 206.

AN ACT TO FURTHER REGULATE THE BORROWING OF MONEY BY THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall not borrow any money for purposes taken into account in determining its debt limit unless the mayor shall in writing certify upon the order authorizing the loan that the amount intended to be so borrowed is not, in his opinion, to meet a current expense, or that such money is to meet a current expense, but that public necessity requires the borrowing of the same.

City not to borrow for purposes included in debt limit unless, etc.

SECT. 2. No transfer from any fund obtained by a loan shall be made unless the mayor shall in writing certify upon the order authorizing the transfer that such transfer is not, in his opinion, to meet a current expense, or that such transfer is to meet a current expense, but that public necessity requires such transfer to be made.

Transfers from funds obtained by loan not to be made unless upon certificate of mayor.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 17, 1891.

[1885, 178, 266.]

1891. — CHAPTER 236.

AN ACT RELATING TO FINES, FEES, AND OTHER MONEYS RECEIVED BY  
THE CLERKS OF THE COURTS AND OTHER OFFICERS IN THE COUNTY  
OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The clerk of the supreme judicial court for the county of Suffolk, the clerks of the superior court for said county, the clerks of the municipal courts of the city of Boston, and every sheriff, master of the house of correction, or other officer, except those hereinafter named in section three of this act, receiving any fines, fees, costs, or other moneys, which are to be paid to the city of Boston, or to the treasurer of the county of Suffolk, shall, every month, before the tenth day thereof, pay over to said city and account on oath for all moneys so received during the next preceding calendar month, and make the detailed statements now required by law.

Clerks of courts to pay over to city, fees, etc.

SECT. 2. The city treasurer of said city shall pay to the persons entitled thereto all witness fees or other moneys due for services rendered in either of the aforesaid courts or for any of the aforesaid officers, on the presentation to him of a certificate stating the name of the claimant, the court, and of the case, the nature of the services rendered, and the amount due therefor, signed by the clerk of the court in which or by the officer for whom the service was rendered.

City treasurer to pay witness fees, and other moneys due.

SECT. 3. The clerks, or where there is no clerk the justice, of all other courts in the county of Suffolk, except those named in section one of this act, which are required to account to the city of Boston, shall on or before the aforesaid day pay over to the city of Boston, and account on oath for all fines, fees, costs, and other moneys received by them respectively during the next preceding calendar month and remaining after the payments therefrom allowed by law.

Clerks or justice of other courts to pay over to city all fines, etc.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

April 24, 1891.

[1890, 440; 1891, 392.]

## 1891. — CHAPTER 294.

## AN ACT CHANGING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND SOMERVILLE.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Boundary line  
between Boston  
and Somerville  
changed.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the cities of Boston and Somerville is hereby changed and established as follows: Beginning at a point in the present boundary line between the cities of Boston and Somerville, said point being distant three hundred and seventy-two feet southwardly from the southerly line of the street known as Cambridge street in Boston and Washington street in Somerville; thence turning an angle of one hundred eleven degrees and thirty-four minutes from said boundary line, from a northerly to a southeasterly direction, and running southeastwardly thirteen hundred ninety-nine and sixty-three one-hundredths feet, by a line tangent to the southerly side of the new round-house belonging to the Boston and Maine Railroad Company; thence turning an angle of one hundred and twenty degrees, nineteen minutes and forty seconds from the last described line, from a northwesterly to a southerly direction, and running southwardly by a line tangent to the easterly side of the old round-house belonging to the said Boston and Maine Railroad Company and crossing both the western and eastern divisions of the railroad of the said Boston and Maine Railroad Company and tangent to the easterly side of the round-house now in process of construction belonging to the Fitchburg Railroad Company, and continuing in the same direction, crossing the railroad of the said Fitchburg Railroad Company, to the boundary line between the cities of Somerville and Cambridge in the channel of Miller's river, so called. Said new boundary line is shown by a red line delineated on a plan entitled, "Plan showing proposed change in the boundary line between Boston and Somerville," signed by Thomas W. Davis, city surveyor of Boston, dated March twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, on file in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 4, 1891.

## 1891. — CHAPTER 301.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCUR A DEBT FOR PARK PURPOSES BEYOND THE LIMIT FIXED BY LAW.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may authorize treasurer to issue negotiable bonds to amount not exceeding \$3,500,000 for park purposes.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of paying for lands heretofore acquired or which may hereafter be acquired by the city of Boston for public parks, and for defraying the costs and expenses of constructing said parks, said city may, by a vote passed in the manner provided by section seven of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes, authorize its treasurer to issue from time to time, on the request of the park commissioners approved by the mayor of said city, to the amount of three million five hundred thousand dollars, negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness, payable in not exceeding fifty years from their date and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, to be denominated on the face thereof, "Public Park Loan."

SECT. 2. Said treasurer shall, when authorized by said city as <sup>Treasurer to sell</sup> hereinbefore provided, from time to time, when requested as afore- <sup>bonds and pay</sup> said, issue and sell said bonds and certificates to the amount re- <sup>expenses in-</sup> requested, retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of said city, and <sup>purposes.</sup> pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purposes aforesaid: *provided, however,* that said board shall not purchase or take, to be paid for from the proceeds aforesaid, lands exceeding in value, as assessed for the year eighteen hundred and ninety, one million dollars; nor shall said treasurer issue in any one year, of the aforesaid bonds and certificates, a greater amount than seven hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. The debt and loan authorized by this act shall not be <sup>Debt and loan</sup> considered or reckoned in determining the authorized limit of indebt- <sup>authorized not</sup> edness of said city under the provisions of section four of chapter <sup>to be included</sup> twenty-nine of the Public Statutes as modified and amended by <sup>in debt limit.</sup> section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*May 7, 1891.*

[1875, 185; 1882, 168; 1886, 304; 1887, 312; 1888, 392; 1890, 271, 444.]

## 1891. — CHAPTER 309.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE HARBOR LINES AND PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOUTH BAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The harbor lines in South bay in the city of Boston <sup>Harbor lines of</sup> are hereby changed and established as follows: Beginning at a point <sup>South bay.</sup> on the southerly side of Dover-street bridge, which point is distant one hundred and eighty-three feet southeasterly from the southeasterly side line of Albany street; thence running southwesterly, parallel to said side line, nine hundred feet; thence running southwesterly, a little more westerly, about five hundred and fifty-five feet, to a point which is distant three hundred and seventy feet southeasterly from the northwesterly side line of Albany street, measuring at right angles to said side line from a point therein six hundred and twenty-seven feet northeasterly from the northeasterly side line of Wareham street; thence running southwesterly, still more westerly, about sixteen hundred and fifteen feet, to a point which is distant three hundred and fifty-three feet southeasterly from said northwesterly side line of Albany street, measuring at right angles to said side line from the point of its intersection with the southwesterly side line of East Brookline street; thence running southwesterly, still more westerly, five hundred feet, to a point which is distant three hundred and forty feet southeasterly from said northwesterly side line of Albany street, measuring at right angles thereto; thence running southeasterly one hundred feet at right angles to the harbor line last described; thence running northeasterly, about four hundred and thirty-five feet, to a point which is distant four hundred and fifty-five feet southeasterly from said northwesterly side line of Albany street, measuring at right angles to said side line from a point therein sixty-five feet southwesterly from the southwesterly side line of East Brookline street; thence running southeasterly, parallel to the northerly side line of Swett street, about eighteen hundred and fifty-nine feet, to the northwesterly side

line of the location of the New York and New England railroad; thence running northeasterly, nine hundred and sixty-five feet, in a straight line which coincides for the first five hundred and thirty feet more or less, with said line of said railroad location; thence running northerly, about thirteen hundred and forty-eight feet, to a point which is distant eight hundred and thirty-three feet southeasterly from the southeasterly side line of Albany street, measuring at right angles thereto, and is also distant six hundred and eighty feet southerly from the southerly side of Dover-street bridge, measuring from a point thereon six hundred and five feet southeasterly from said southeasterly side line of Albany street; thence running northerly, six hundred and eighty feet, to said point on the southerly side of said bridge; thence running northwesterly by the southerly side of said bridge to the point of beginning.

No wharf, pier, etc., to be built beyond harbor lines, etc.

SECT. 2. No wharf, pier, wall, filling, or other structure or work, shall ever hereafter be built or extended in South bay beyond the harbor lines aforesaid; nor shall any structure be built or filling done inside said harbor lines and below the present high water mark in said bay, without authority or license therefor first duly obtained under and subject to the provisions of chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes.

Filling inside harbor lines, regulations concerning.

SECT. 3. In filling any lands or flats in said bay which are inside and adjacent to the harbor lines aforesaid, an amount of material for such filling, not less than that required to fill such lands or flats to the grade of twelve feet above the plane of mean low water, shall, whenever practicable and consistent with private rights, be obtained by dredging the same in said bay from the reserved basin which is bounded by the harbor lines aforesaid, under the direction and supervision of the board of harbor and land commissioners, and in such places and to such depths as said board, having in special view the improvement of the navigation and sanitary conditions of said bay, shall prescribe.

Erection of structures affecting flow of water subject to approval.

SECT. 4. No structure shall be built, or filling or other work done, in any portion of said South bay below the present high water mark thereof, whereby the existing flow or drainage of surface or other waters in or into and through said bay towards the sea is cut off, or obstructed, without first making such other provision for such flow or drainage as shall be approved by said board of harbor and land commissioners and the city engineer of said city of Boston.

Harbor lines heretofore established, annulled.

SECT. 5. All harbor lines heretofore established in said South bay, so far as they differ from those established by this act, are hereby annulled.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 7, 1891.

[1837, 229.]

## 1891. — CHAPTER 321.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE CITY OF BOSTON MAY PAY CERTAIN DEBTS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Debts payable within ten years, may be made payable by city within twenty years.

SECTION 1. Debts which cities and towns are required by section eight of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes to pay within a period not exceeding ten years, may be made payable by the city of Boston within a period not exceeding twenty years.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 11, 1891.

1891. — CHAPTER 323.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE LOCATION, LAYING OUT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF  
HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston shall annually by ordinary vote appropriate money sufficient to meet the salaries and expenses incurred under sections four, five, and six of this act, and any deficiencies of interest and sinking fund requirements to be paid by the treasurer of the city of Boston from the appropriation herein specified, as provided in section eighteen, and may by such vote appropriate one or more additional amounts in gross for carrying out the other provisions of this act; the money so appropriated shall be obtained from the sales of the bonds and certificates provided for in section two and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes of this act; the total of all amounts so appropriated in any one year shall not exceed one million dollars, nor shall the total amount of all such bonds and certificates outstanding ever be more than three million dollars in excess of the sinking funds established for the payment of said debt.

City to appropriate sums required by provisions of this act.

Total annual appropriation not to exceed \$1,000,000.

SECT. 2. The treasurer of said city shall from time to time, on the request of the mayor in writing, issue, to the amount or amounts so appropriated, negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness, payable in ten years from their date and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and fixed by said treasurer with the approval of the mayor, and shall sell said bonds and certificates or any part of them, and credit the proceeds thereof, except premiums, to the aforesaid appropriation.

Treasurer to issue bonds to amount appropriated, upon request of mayor.

SECT. 3. The aforesaid bonds or certificates, except those issued to meet the aforesaid appropriation made during the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, shall not be considered or reckoned in determining the authorized limit of indebtedness of said city, under the provisions of section four of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes as modified and amended by section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Bonds, after year 1891, to be outside debt limit.

SECT. 4. The mayor of said city shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen of said city, three able and discreet men, who shall constitute a board of said city, to be known as the board of survey, and who shall hold office for the term of three years from the first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, or until the work which they are hereby authorized to do is sooner completed. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled by an appointment as aforesaid, for the remainder of the unexpired term. The chairman of said board shall be designated by the mayor and shall receive a salary of forty-five hundred dollars, and each of the other members a salary of four thousand dollars, per year. The provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five shall, except as herein modified, apply to said board and to the members thereof.

Mayor to appoint three men to constitute board of survey.

Vacancies.

Salaries.

1885, 266, to apply to said board.

SECT. 5. The board of survey shall, with all reasonable despatch, cause to be made under its direction, plans of such territory or sections of land in said city as said board may deem necessary, showing thereon the location of such highway or the locations of such highways, whether already laid out or not as said board shall be of

Board to cause plans to be made.



To give public hearing as to locations, etc.

opinion the present or future interests of the public will require in each territory, showing clearly the directions, widths, and grades of each highway, and may employ such assistants and incur such expenses as it may deem necessary therefor. Said board, before making any such plan, shall give a public hearing as to the locations, directions, widths, and grades for the highway or highways in the territory to be shown on the plan, after advertising a notice of such hearing twice a week for two weeks in succession in at least two daily newspapers published in said city, the last advertisement to be at least two days before such hearing. Each of said plans on its completion shall be marked as being made under the provisions of this act, signed by said board and by the mayor, and filed in the office of the city surveyor of said city. Every way sixty feet or less in width shown on any of said plans, if it has not been laid out as a highway or has not been constructed or is not being constructed at the time of filing as aforesaid, shall thereafter be laid out as a highway or constructed only as provided in section ten, and every such way more than sixty feet in width may be laid out and constructed as provided in said section, or in any other manner prescribed by law for laying out or for constructing highways in said city.

Board and its officers may enter upon lands.

Persons injured may have damages determined by jury.

SECT. 6. Said board, its officers and agents, may, so far as they deem it necessary in carrying out the aforesaid provisions, enter into and upon any lands, and there make such examinations and surveys and place and maintain such monuments and marks, as and where they may deem necessary; and any person injured in his property by such entry or by such placing and maintaining may have a jury, and may have the damages sustained by such injury determined by such jury and paid in the manner and under the rules of law provided for obtaining juries and for determining and paying damages sustained in laying out highways in the city of Boston.

Preceding section limited to damages for entries, for placing, etc., monuments.

SECT. 7. The preceding sections shall not be construed to authorize any taking or condemnation of land, or to render said city liable for damages of any kind, except for making entries upon land and for placing and maintaining monuments and marks as provided in section six, nor to authorize the city of Boston to work or construct any way located on any of said plans, until such way shall have been thereafter laid out as a highway under other provisions of law, or until the passage of an order as provided in section ten.

Powers of street commissioners not abridged by this act.

SECT. 8. The powers of the board of street commissioners of said city in regard to highways shall not be abridged by this act in any manner except as provided in this section and in section ten, and the powers given them in this act shall be in addition to the powers now exercised by them. No person or corporation shall in said city, after the passage of this act, prepare or open for public travel any way, unless its location, directions, widths, and grades are satisfactory to and have been approved in writing by said board of street commissioners, but all highways in the territory shown on any of said plans laid out after the filing of the plan as aforesaid shall be in accordance with the locations, directions, widths, and grades shown thereon; and no public sewer, drain, water-pipe, or lamp shall be placed in, or public work of any kind done on, any way in any such territory other than in or on the ways shown on the plan or plans of such territory: *provided, however*, that this provision shall not prevent the laying of a trunk sewer or a water or gas main as engineering demands shall require.

Ways to be hereafter opened only upon approval of location, etc., by street commissioners.

No damages to be recovered for buildings placed at different

SECT. 9. If any building shall hereafter be placed or erected in said city at a grade other than the grade therefor, recorded in the office of the city surveyor, and which the city surveyor shall furnish

on the request of the owner of the land on which the building is to be placed, or if any building shall be placed or erected within the boundaries of any way shown on any of the plans hereinbefore provided for, after the filing of the plan as aforesaid, and not removed at the expense of the owner when required by said board of street commissioners, no damage occasioned to the estate, of which the land on which the building was so placed formed a part at the date of the first advertisement aforesaid, or to any part of said estate, by the subsequent establishment or change of the grade of any highway, shall be recovered by, or be paid to, the owner of the whole or of any part of such estate.

grade from  
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office, etc., or  
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ries of way  
shown on plan,  
for subsequent  
changes in  
grade, etc.

SECT. 10. Whenever a majority in interest, determined as provided in section eleven of this act, of the owners of lands lying within one hundred and twenty-five feet of any way shown on any plan filed as aforesaid, shall petition the board of street commissioners of said city to order the construction of such way, or whenever the city council shall authorize said board to order the construction of any such way, said board may proceed in the manner provided for laying out highways in said city, and may, with the approval of the mayor, if of the opinion that the public interests so require, pass an order laying out such way as a highway, if it has not already been so laid out, and if already so laid out, but not constructed, or if laid out under the provisions of this section, may pass any order for the construction of the same; and any person injured in his property thereby may have the same remedies as are now provided by law for persons so injured by the laying out of highways in said city: *provided, however*, that said board shall not pass any such order unless there shall have been paid to said city such sum of money, if any is needed therefor, as will when added to the total average assessed value for the preceding three years of all the lands which will be liable for the assessable cost of said work, as provided in section fifteen, exceed by at least twenty-five per cent. the cost as estimated by them of the laying out and of the work to be done under the order. Said board shall also in said order determine, in accordance with the certificate of the superintendent of streets of said city, the kind of surface or pavement for said highway, the height and width, and the materials for the edgestones and sidewalks, the locations, sizes, and materials for the sewers, catch-basins, and all other connections, and, in accordance with the certificate of the water supply department, the size for the water-pipes and connections; said board shall also determine in said order the size for the gas-pipes and connections to be laid in said highway, and if the gas company in said city shall certify to the proper size for said gas-pipes and their connections, the said board shall make its determination in accordance with said certificate.

Upon petition  
of majority in  
interest of  
owners, or au-  
thority of city  
council, board  
may lay out or  
construct way.

Board not to  
pass order un-  
less assessments  
exceeding 25  
per cent. of es-  
timated cost are  
first paid.

Board to deter-  
mine kind of  
pavement, side-  
walks, etc.

SECT. 11. The aforesaid interest of each owner shall be determined by the number of square feet of land which he owns lying within one hundred and twenty-five feet of, and measuring from the side or sides on which his lands lie, of the way named in the petition, or if there is another way less than two hundred and fifty feet distant from the aforesaid way and having the same general direction, then such interest shall be determined by the number of square feet of land which he owns within a line drawn half way between the two ways.

Interest of own-  
ers, manner of  
determining.

SECT. 12. The superintendent of streets of said city shall forthwith after the passage of the aforesaid order, give public notice by advertisement twice a week for two weeks in succession in at least two daily newspapers published in said city that he is about to do

Superintendent  
of streets to  
give notice of  
contemplated  
work.

the work contemplated in said order, and that all work which is to be done in the highway shall be done before a certain day specified in the notice; shall send a copy of such notice to the gas company and the water supply and lamp departments in said city at least three weeks before the aforesaid specified day, and shall with all reasonable despatch proceed in the manner provided in chapter four hundred and eighteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, for departments of said city when authorized to erect new buildings, to construct the highway, and to lay the sidewalks and the sewers, and the catch-basins and all other connections therein, in accordance with the said order, and connect the said sewers with the sewers then in use; and if the gas company authorized to lay gas-pipes in the highway shall neglect or refuse to lay its pipes as determined in said order within the time specified therefor, he shall lay the said pipes as so determined and connect them with the pipes then in use.

Superintendent to construct sewers, etc.

Work not to be done after Nov. 15, unless approved by mayor.

Highway not to be disturbed for two years unless in case of necessity.

Street commissioners to determine cost of carrying out order.

Assessable cost to be repaid with interest, to city.

Street commissioners to determine amount due from each parcel.

Assessments if not paid to be included in tax bills, and may be apportioned upon subdivision of parcel.

SECT. 13. Said superintendent shall not do, or permit to be done, any of the work above described in any year after the fifteenth day of November, unless he certifies, in a writing approved by the mayor and kept on file in the office of said superintendent, that public necessity requires the work to be done. After the construction of the highway said superintendent shall not, for the space of two years, permit any department or person to disturb the surface thereof, except in cases of obvious necessity, to be certified to in a writing to be approved and kept as hereinbefore provided, and except in cases of breaks or leaks in pipes, sewers, or wires, but after said two years said superintendent may in his discretion permit openings to be made.

SECT. 14. Said board of street commissioners shall forthwith, after the construction of the highway, determine the cost incurred in carrying out said order, including the expenses of taking land and all other expenses of the laying out and the expenses of all work done and materials furnished by the superintendent of streets as certified by him, excluding water-pipes, gas-pipes and connections, and the laying thereof, and said cost shall be the assessable cost of the work done under said order.

SECT. 15. The said assessable cost of the work done under said order shall be repaid with interest to the city, by the owners of the several parcels of land described in section eleven, and the amount to be paid for each parcel, for which the parcel shall be liable, and for which an underlying lien shall attach to the parcel, shall be determined by said board of street commissioners in accordance with the proportions in which said board shall determine that the said parcels of land are increased in value by the carrying out of the aforesaid order. The cost, if any are laid by said superintendent of streets, of the gas mains and connections and the laying thereof, as determined by said superintendent, shall be repaid to said city by the gas company owning the pipes with which the gas pipes laid in said streets are connected.

SECT. 16. The board of assessors of said city, if the amount of the aforesaid assessable cost for which any parcel of land aforesaid is liable, determined as provided in section fifteen, is not paid before the last day of September next succeeding said determination, shall include a sum equal to nine per cent. of such amount plus one year's interest on the whole of said amount at the rate of five per cent. per annum, in the next and succeeding annual tax bills issued for the tax on the said parcel until ten such sums have been paid, or if such parcel has been subdivided and a plan thereof filed in the

registry of deeds and the assessors notified in writing of such filing, said board shall apportion the said sum, including said interest, to said subdivisions in proportion to their areas, and include the several apportionments in the next and succeeding annual tax bills issued for the taxes on the respective subdivisions; said board shall issue tax bills for such sums or apportionments for any parcels or subdivisions for which no tax bill would otherwise be issued. Every such sum or apportionment in a tax bill shall be levied, collected, and paid into the city treasury, without abatement, as if a part of, and in the same manner as, the city taxes on real estate.

SECT. 17. The owner of any parcel of land or subdivision aforesaid, may at any time pay to said city the balance of the amount of the said assessable cost for which his parcel or subdivision is liable, remaining due after deducting therefrom the several sums or apportionments, exclusive of interest, included in tax bills as provided in section sixteen, and his parcel or subdivision shall then be relieved from further lien and liability therefor, and whenever the payments toward said assessable cost, with the sum paid under the provisions of section ten, plus the interest on such sum at the rate of five per cent. per annum from the date of payment thereof, shall be equal to the whole of said assessable cost, all further liability of, and lien on, any and all parcels of land liable for such assessable cost shall cease.

Owners may pay balance due to city at any time.

SECT. 18. The treasurer of said city shall, from the premiums, amounts, sums, and apportionments received during any financial year of said city under the provisions of sections two, ten, fifteen, sixteen, and seventeen, pay the interest on the aforesaid bonds and certificates accruing during that year, and shall pay over any surplus of the moneys so received to the board of commissioners of sinking funds of said city, to be by them credited to the sinking funds established for the debts incurred under section two. If the amount so received in any such year is insufficient to meet the interest aforesaid, said treasurer shall, unless other provision is made by said city, pay the deficiency from the aforesaid appropriation; and unless said city otherwise orders, shall, when said bonds and certificates become due, pay from said appropriation any deficiency existing in the sinking funds established to pay the same, and no moneys shall be raised for interest or sinking fund requirements on said bonds and certificates except as herein provided, unless ordered by said city.

Treasurer to pay interest on bonds, from premiums, etc., received.

SECT. 19. If the gas company is aggrieved by the determination of the amount to be repaid by it to the city, as provided in section fifteen, and shall pay said amount into the city treasury within ten days after such determination, it may recover of said city, in an action of contract brought within three months after said determination any excess of said amount over the amount which it should have paid thereunder, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

If gas company is aggrieved, it may recover in an action of contract against city.

SECT. 20. This act shall not be construed to authorize the location or laying out of any highway or public place on or over the common, public garden, or any public park, or over any burial ground.

Common, etc., excepted from provisions of act.

SECT. 21. Any court having jurisdiction in equity shall also have such jurisdiction to enforce and to restrain the violation of the provisions of this act.

Court may enforce, etc., this act.

SECT. 22. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 11, 1891.

[1854, 448; 1885, 266; 1890, 418.]

## 1891. — CHAPTER 324.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS OUTSIDE ITS DEBT LIMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may incur indebtedness not exceeding \$1,000,000 to complete new public library.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for the purpose of enabling the trustees of the public library of the city of Boston to complete the new public library building in Copley square in said city, may in addition to all indebtedness heretofore authorized, incur indebtedness and may authorize the city treasurer of said city to issue from time to time as the said trustees shall request and the mayor of said city approve, bonds or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding one million dollars. Such bonds shall be payable in thirty years from their date, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed four per cent. per annum payable semi-annually and fixed by the said treasurer with the approval of the mayor.

Indebtedness incurred to be outside debt limit.

SECT. 2. The indebtedness incurred under this act shall not be considered or reckoned in determining the authorized limit of indebtedness of the city of Boston under the provisions of section four of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes as modified and amended by section two of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Treasurer to sell bonds and pay expenses incurred for purposes of this act.

SECT. 3. Said treasurer shall sell such bonds or certificates, or any part thereof, from time to time as required, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of said city, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred by the said trustees for the purposes aforesaid, except premiums received by him from the sale of said bonds or certificates, which he shall pay to the board of commissioners of the sinking funds of said city to be applied to the purposes of the sinking fund for said loan.

P.S., c. 29, and 1884, 120, to apply to issue of bonds.

SECT. 4. Except as herein otherwise provided the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes and of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four shall apply to the issue of such bonds and to the establishment of a sinking fund for the payment thereof at maturity.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 11, 1891.

[1878, 114; 1880, 222; 1882, 143; 1883, 141; 1887, 60; 1889, 68, 379.]

## 1891. — CHAPTER 344.

## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONSTRUCT A SEAWALL AND EXTEND THE CHARLES RIVER EMBANKMENT.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may build a sea-wall along Charles river, within certain lines.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may, by its board of park commissioners, build a sea-wall on the Boston side of the Charles river from the sea-wall of its present park, situated between Craigie's bridge and West Boston bridge, to the sea-wall of said river in the rear of Beacon street in said city, on or within the following lines: Beginning at a point in the southwest corner of the stone wall of the Charles-river embankment, or Charlesbank; thence running southerly by a straight line to a point in Charles river three hundred feet dis-

tant westerly from the harbor commissioners' line, measuring on a line perpendicular to the said commissioners' line at its intersection with the southerly line of Mount Vernon street; thence continuing southerly and westerly from the aforesaid perpendicular line, on such lines curved southerly and westerly from the aforesaid straight line, as said board of harbor and land commissioners shall approve.

SECT. 2. The said city, by said park commissioners, shall fill in the grounds enclosed by said sea-wall and use the same for the purposes of a public park, in accordance with the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and may grant the right to use, and the persons to whom such rights may be granted may use, portions of said grounds for boat or bath houses.

City to fill in grounds enclosed by sea-wall for purposes of a public park.

SECT. 3. The lines of the sea-wall aforesaid shall constitute the harbor lines, beyond which no wharf, pier, or other structure shall be extended into or over the tide-water of said basin, excepting such bath-houses, boat-houses, and landing-places as the said board of park commissioners shall build or permit to be built, with the approval of the said board of harbor and land commissioners; and when the city of Boston shall have built the said sea-wall and filled in the said grounds as a park, as aforesaid, and so long as the same shall be used as a public park the Commonwealth will not authorize or permit any person or corporation to construct any extensions or erections from or contiguous to the water-line of said park, except with the consent of said park commissioners.

Lines of sea-wall to constitute the harbor lines.

SECT. 4. Said city may take any land or water rights and any flats or lands covered by tide-water, between the present harbor commissioners' line and the line on which the said wall is hereby authorized to be built, necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and the damages incurred thereby shall be paid by the city of Boston: *provided, however*, that said city shall not be liable to pay any other damages than the Commonwealth itself would be legally liable to pay.

City may take land or water rights, etc.

SECT. 5. Any person whose lands, flats, or rights are taken under authority of this act shall have the same rights and remedies in obtaining damages for such taking as persons injured by the taking of their lands for highways in said city, except as above provided.

Rights of persons damaged by such taking.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 20, 1891.

[1886, 65, 134.]

## 1891. — CHAPTER 365.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO PROMOTE RAPID TRANSIT FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON AND ITS SUBURBS.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall, within thirty days from the passage of this act, appoint three persons, none of whom shall be residents of the city of Boston, who, together with the mayor and city engineer of the city of Boston ex officio, and the persons hereafter appointed by said mayor, under the order for a rapid transit commission passed by the city government of Boston, which was approved by the mayor on the twenty-eighth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, shall constitute a commission to consider the question of rapid transit for passengers and freight in the city of Boston and its suburbs.

Governor to appoint three persons, with the persons appointed by mayor, to constitute rapid transit commission.

Commission to investigate subject of rapid transit in Boston and suburbs.

Duties of commission.

May appoint a clerk, and establish rules, etc.

To procure estimates and have plans prepared.

To submit estimate of expenses.

Expenses of commission, other than salaries, to be divided between Commonwealth and city.

Commission to give public hearings, etc.

To report fully to legislature before first Wednesday in February, 1892.

Authority to West End Street Railway Com-

SECT. 2. The said commission shall forthwith proceed to investigate and consider the subject of rapid transit for passengers and freight in the city of Boston and its suburbs, including elevated, underground, and surface routes, by any practicable method. The commission shall also consider all questions and details of construction, operation, and maintenance; the cost of the same; the damages to property; routes, whether in the streets or elsewhere; the location of terminal facilities and way stations; the terms of any franchise to be granted to any corporation building or operating said roads, including in the terms of the franchise the compensation, if any, that shall be paid to the cities and towns through which it is constructed; what property, if any, should be taken, and if so whether by eminent domain or purchase; rates of fare to be paid upon the roads; and all other matters pertaining to the problem of rapid transit in said city and suburbs, the best method of accommodating the travelling public, protecting the rights of property owners, and the pecuniary interests of said cities and towns.

SECT. 3. The said commission shall appoint a clerk, who shall keep a record of all its proceedings; it may establish rules and regulations for the conduct of its business; it shall occupy suitable quarters, which shall be provided by the sergeant-at-arms in the state house or elsewhere.

SECT. 4. The said commission shall procure estimates and cause plans to be prepared showing the route, cost, and other details of such system or systems as they shall think most desirable; they shall employ experts, and all necessary clerical and other assistants, and shall incur such reasonable expenses, including travelling expenses, as may be authorized by the governor and council. Before incurring any expenses they shall from time to time estimate the amounts required, and shall submit the same to the governor and council for their approval, and no expense shall be incurred by the commission beyond the amount so estimated and approved.

SECT. 5. The persons appointed by the governor under section one of this act shall receive such compensation as the governor and council may decide. All the expenses incurred by said commission as hereinbefore provided, apart from salaries to members of the commission, shall be paid one-half by the Commonwealth and one-half by the city of Boston; and it shall be the duty of the said city of Boston to raise, and upon the requisition of the said commissioners to pay, one-half of said expenses.

SECT. 6. The commission shall give public hearings to any person or corporation desiring to submit plans or suggest routes for securing rapid transit in the said city and its suburbs, and shall give such notice by publication or otherwise as it deems necessary. Before definitely deciding upon any particular route or structure, the said commission shall give public hearings, and shall give reasonable notice thereof by publication or otherwise as they may see fit, to persons owning property along said route, and to the cities or towns through which said route may be located. They shall, so far as practicable, give actual notice to persons whose property it is intended to take or traverse.

SECT. 7. The said commission shall report fully with plans and estimates to the legislature on or before the first Wednesday in February in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and shall append to its report a draft of a bill intended to accomplish the recommendations of the commission.

SECT. 8. The authority heretofore given to the West End Street Railway Company for the building of any elevated railroad in any

street or highway is hereby suspended until the report of the commission to the legislature and its final action thereon; and any limit of time in any act granting such authority to it is hereby extended by a time equal to the period of such suspension.

SECT. 9. Any vacancies in the commission may be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, if such vacancy occurs in the persons appointed by the governor, or by the mayor of Boston, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, if the vacancy occurs in the persons appointed by the mayor.

SECT. 10. The total amount of money which shall be expended out of the treasury of the Commonwealth in carrying out the provisions of this act shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars exclusive of any sum which may be deemed necessary for the payment of salaries to the commissioners provided for in section one.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 3, 1891.

### 1891. — CHAPTER 386.

#### AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUILDING OF A BRIDGE CONNECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON PROPER WITH EAST BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The board of harbor and land commissioners shall make an investigation into the subject of building a bridge over tide-water connecting the city of Boston proper with East Boston, and for such purpose they shall receive and consider such plans for such bridge as the city of Boston or any other party may offer. Said board shall make a full report of their investigations to the next general court, and shall state in their report whether in their opinion such a bridge can be built without inflicting serious damage upon the wharf property and materially injuring the commerce of the Commonwealth. And if any plan for said bridge is approved by them they shall set forth the same in their report.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 9, 1891.

### 1891. — CHAPTER 388.

#### AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE RESERVED CHANNEL AT SOUTH BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized and required to build and maintain a public highway bridge across the reserved channel on the South Boston flats in said city, connecting Eastern avenue or Congress street, so called, as laid out and graded by the Commonwealth, with L street extended to the southerly line of said channel. Said bridge shall be constructed in accordance with plans prescribed or approved by the board of harbor and land commissioners. Upon the completion of said bridge, provided the same is completed before the first day of August in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two, forty per cent. of the cost thereof shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth to said city out of the Commonwealth's flats improvement fund established by chapter two hundred



and thirty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 9, 1891.

## 1891. — CHAPTER 390.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHARLES RIVER IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Appointment of  
Charles-river  
improvement  
commission.

SECTION 1. The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint three citizens of the Commonwealth, who, together with the mayor of the city of Boston, the mayor of the city of Cambridge, the mayor of the city of Newton, and the chairman of the board of selectmen of the town of Watertown, for the current year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, shall constitute a commission on the improvement of Charles river, and shall serve without compensation.

Duties of com-  
mission.

SECT. 2. Said commission shall consider what improvement can be made in the Charles-river basin, between the dam at Watertown and the Charles-river bridge in Boston, the bridges over said river, and the parks along the banks thereof, in said cities and town; and shall consider such other matters relating to the general commercial interests of the Commonwealth and of said cities and town in said river, as they may deem proper, and shall report their investigations to the next general court, and to each succeeding general court during the continuance of the commission. Said commission may expend a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars in making their investigations, which sum shall be paid from the treasury of the Commonwealth, on properly approved vouchers presented to the auditor, in the same manner as other claims against the Commonwealth. The term of office of the commissioners provided for in this act shall expire within two years from the date of the passage thereof.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 10, 1891.

## 1891. — CHAPTER 392.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE FEES TO BE PAID IN THE DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL COURTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Payment of wit-  
ness and other  
fees in district  
and municipal  
courts of  
Boston.

SECTION 1. In the district and municipal courts of the city of Boston, except the municipal court held in the court-house of the county of Suffolk in said city, the witness fees due to any person, and the fees and expenses due to the officers named in section one of chapter four hundred and forty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and to all others, shall be paid by the clerks thereof, or by the justices of courts having no clerks, at the end of the trial of the case in which such fees and expenses accrue, and if the clerks, and justices of courts having no clerks, do not have in their hands funds sufficient to pay witness and other fees and expenses as herein provided, they may make written requisition upon the city of Boston for the same by sending said requisition to the auditor of

said city, and thereupon said city shall pay to said clerks or justices such sum as shall be required, not exceeding one hundred dollars in any one month, for which said clerks and justices shall account to the city of Boston every month, before the tenth day thereof, and for which they shall be liable upon their official bonds.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 10, 1891.

[1890, 440; 1891, 236.]

## 1891. — CHAPTER 404.

### AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT IN RELATION TO PENSIONING DISABLED MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, is hereby amended by striking out the word "affirmative," in the fifth line of section one of said chapter one hundred and seventy-four, and inserting in place thereof the word: "majority," and by striking out the word "all," in said fifth line, also by striking out the word "may," in the sixth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words: "shall when they," also by striking out the word "and," in the tenth line of said section, also by striking out, in the eleventh and twelfth lines, the words "no such," and inserting in place thereof the word: "any," also by striking out, in said twelfth line, the word "shall," and inserting in place thereof the word: "may," and by striking out, in said twelfth line, the word "unless," and inserting in place thereof the word "when," also by striking out, in the twentieth line, the word "disabled," also by striking out, in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth lines, the words "an amount not exceeding," and by striking out, in the thirtieth line, the word "less," and inserting in place thereof the word "further," so as to read as follows: "*Section 1.* The board of fire commissioners of the city of Boston, by the majority vote of the members, and with the approval of the mayor, shall, when they retire from office in the fire department any member thereof who has become disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or any member who has performed faithful service in the department for a period not less than fifteen consecutive years, place the member so retired upon a pension roll. Any member may be placed on the pension roll when it shall be certified to the board in writing by the city physician that such member is permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, from performing his duty as a member of the department. In case of total disability caused or induced by the actual performance of his duty, the amount of annual pension shall be one-half of the annual compensation allowed to men of the grade in which such member served, or such less sum as the said board may determine. The pension of members of the permanent force who have served fifteen years shall be an amount not exceeding one-third the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired, or such less sum as the board may determine. The pension of members of the call force who have served fifteen or more consecutive years shall be one-

Fire commissioners by majority vote may retire members and place them on pension roll, with approval of mayor.

Pension rates.

Subject to acceptance.

half the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired, or such further sum as the board may determine."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

June 11, 1891.

[1880, 107; 1888, 174.]

## 1891. — CHAPTER 421.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY USE BY THE CITY OF BOSTON OF CERTAIN LAND OF THE COMMONWEALTH AT SOUTH BOSTON FOR A PUBLIC PLAYGROUND.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

City may use portion of South Boston flats for public playground.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to use for a public playground that portion of the lands of the Commonwealth on the South Boston flats in said city, which is bounded by C, D, and Cypher streets, and Mount Washington avenue, until the board of harbor and land commissioners shall, with the approval of the governor and council, give three months' notice in writing to said city to terminate such use; and thereupon such use shall cease, and said city shall have no claim on the Commonwealth by reason of such termination or on account of any expenditures on said land. Said city shall not erect or place on said land any building or structure of a permanent character, or change the grade thereof, and shall use said land solely as a playground for children and youth, which shall be known as Commonwealth Playground. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the Commonwealth by its agents from entering on or passing over said land, for further improving the same or the adjoining territory, or from making permanent disposition of the same or any portion thereof, as now authorized by law.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 11, 1891.

## 1891. — RESOLVES — CHAPTER 115.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION BY THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS OF LABOR OF CERTAIN STATISTICS RELATIVE TO FAMILIES RESIDING IN RENTED TENEMENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Collection of statistics of families residing in rented tenements.

*Resolved,* That the bureau of statistics of labor be hereby directed to ascertain and report to the next general court the number of families in the city of Boston residing in rented tenements; the average amount of rent paid monthly by each family; the number of rooms rented by each family; the average number of persons to each room; their sex and occupation; the length of time the heads of such families have been residents of the United States; what per cent. of the male population are citizens, and their nationality; and the sanitary condition of the tenements rented as aforesaid; and ten thousand dollars shall be paid out of the treasury for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this resolve, to be expended by the bureau of statistics of labor.

June 11, 1891.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted, July 17, 1891.

1892. — CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR BUILDING A PUBLIC HIGHWAY  
BRIDGE ACROSS THE RESERVED CHANNEL IN SOUTH BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The time for completing the bridge across the reserved channel on the South Boston flats in the city of Boston, authorized by chapter three hundred and eighty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby extended to the thirty-first day of December in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two; and if said bridge is completed before said day the Commonwealth shall reimburse said city the portion of the cost thereof provided for in said act, the same as if said bridge had been completed before the first day of August in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

February 13, 1892.

[1891, 388.]

1892. — CHAPTER 87.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FIFTH ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR  
COURT, CIVIL SESSION, FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The justices of the superior court, or a majority of them, may appoint a fifth assistant clerk of said court, for civil business, for the county of Suffolk, who shall be subject to the provisions of law applicable to assistant clerks of courts in said county, and who shall receive in full for all services performed by him an annual salary of twenty-two hundred dollars, to be paid by said county.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 19, 1892.

1892. — CHAPTER 97.

AN ACT RELATING TO RULES AND ORDERS AND REGULATIONS OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The enacting style and method of publishing rules and orders and regulations of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston shall be such as said board may by regulation prescribe.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

March 23, 1892.

1892. — CHAPTER 131.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four is hereby amended by striking out the word "April," in the fifth line of said

Organization of  
overseers of the  
poor.

section, and inserting in place thereof the word "May," so as to read as follows: *Section 3.* The persons so first elected as overseers of the poor in the city of Boston, shall meet and organize on the first Monday of the month succeeding their election, and those thereafter elected shall meet for that purpose on the first Monday in May of each year. They shall choose a chairman from their own number, and a treasurer, secretary, and such subordinate officers as they may deem expedient, and shall define their duties and fix their respective salaries.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 5, 1892.*

[1772, 8; 1802, 44; 1875, 73; 1888, 324.]

## 1892. — CHAPTER 213.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE INCOME FROM THE WATER-SUPPLIES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Application of  
income received  
from water  
rates.

SECTION 1. The board or authority having for the time being charge of the water-supplies of the city of Boston shall fix the prices or rents for the use of water from said supplies; and the income received therefrom, after deducting all expenses and charges of distribution, shall be applied, first, to the payment of the interest on the loans incurred for furnishing and developing said supplies; second, to the payment of the sinking-fund requirements for said loans, in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes; third, to the purchase and laying of water-pipes at the discretion of said board or authority; and fourth, the balance, if any there be, to the sinking-funds for said loans.

Repeal.

SECT. 2. Sections eleven, twelve, and thirteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, section two of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, section two of chapter eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and all acts and parts of acts, whether special or general, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*April 25, 1892.*

[1846, 167; 1871, 159; 1872, 85.]

## 1892. — CHAPTER 264.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BLASTING OF ROCKS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Blasting rocks  
in city.

Section two of chapter two hundred and one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight is amended by striking out the last three lines of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: "of the provisions of this act, or of any license granted as aforesaid, shall for each offence pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars," so as to read as follows: *Section 2.* Any person who shall, either by himself, his servant, or agent, or by

any person in his employ, violate any of the provisions of this act, or of any license granted as aforesaid, shall for each offence pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

May 6, 1892.

[1868, 201.]

1892. — CHAPTER 288.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE ISSUE OF BONDS FOR FURNISHING THE COURT-HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Upon the request of the commissioners appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston in relation to the erection of a court-house for the county of Suffolk, it shall be the duty of said city to issue and negotiate bonds or certificates of indebtedness described in section five of chapter three hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars in addition to the amount authorized by chapter one hundred and one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven. The commissioners may in their discretion expend the amount of the proceeds of said bonds in furnishing said court-house; but they shall not expend more than said amount unless such excess of expenditure shall first have been authorized by the city council of the city of Boston.

City to issue bonds to amount \$100,000 for furnishing court house.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 9, 1892.

[1885, 377; 1886, 122, 195; 1887, 101.]

1892. — CHAPTER 292.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WIDENING OF WALTER STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND THE TAKING OF A PART OF A PRIVATE BURIAL-GROUND THEREFOR.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of street commissioners of the city of Boston may, in that part of Boston known as West Roxbury, widen Walter street on its easterly side to a width not exceeding sixty feet from the present westerly line thereof, and may take therefor a strip of land from the burial-ground located on the easterly side of said street, near Weld street, and shall, at the expense of the city of Boston, remove the remains of the dead, if any there be, in the part so taken, to some other part of said burial-ground or to some other cemetery; and said board shall determine, and said city shall pay, all damage sustained by any person or corporation in property by such taking.

City may take land from burial-ground to widen Walter street.

SECT. 2. Said board or any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid by any taking otherwise than by purchase made under authority of this act, if they fail to agree as to the amount of the damages so sustained, may within one year after such taking file in the office of the clerk of the superior court for the county of Suffolk a petition for a jury to determine such damages. and thereupon, after such notice as said court shall order, the damages so sustained

Jury may be had to determine damages.

shall be determined by a jury in said court, in the same manner as damages for lands taken for highways in said city are determined, and costs shall be taxed as in civil cases.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 11, 1892.

## 1892. — CHAPTER 293.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PROCURE AND PREPARE FOR PUBLIC USE ONE OR MORE OPEN SPACES IN SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc :*

City may issue bonds to procure lands for open-air meetings, etc.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston, for the purpose of procuring and preparing for public use such open spaces in said city as said city may from time to time deem expedient, to be used for open-air meetings, play-grounds, or other similar purposes, may authorize the city treasurer of said city to issue from time to time, as the mayor of said city may request, bonds or certificates of indebtedness, payable in not exceeding fifty years from their date, and bearing interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum, to be fixed by said treasurer with the approval of the mayor.

Treasurer to sell bonds so issued and pay expenses incurred.

SECT. 2. Said treasurer shall sell such bonds or certificates as issued, and retain the proceeds thereof in the treasury of the city and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purposes aforesaid: *provided, however*, that he shall pay over to the board of commissioners of the sinking-funds of said city any premiums received by him in the sale of such bonds or certificates; and said board shall place all amounts so paid by said treasurer in the sinking-fund for the payment of the loan hereby authorized.

Street commissioners may take in fee land required.

SECT. 3. Whenever said city shall have authorized the city treasurer to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness, as provided in the preceding sections, the street commissioners of said city, with the approval of the mayor, may take in fee, by purchase or otherwise, such lands of a total assessed value not exceeding two-thirds of the amount so authorized as shall be determined by said city, and may agree with the persons owning such lands as to the damages to be paid by the city therefor, and said city, by such agency as it may determine, shall expend the balance of the proceeds of the bonds or certificates of indebtedness remaining after such lands have been paid for, in constructing or preparing such lands for use.

Description of land taken to be recorded within sixty days.

SECT. 4. Said commissioners shall, within sixty days from the time when they shall take any lands under this act, cause to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Suffolk a description of the lands so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which such lands are taken, said description and statement to be signed by said board.

Damages for land taken, how determined.

SECT. 5. The damages for the land so taken shall be paid by the city from the proceeds of the bonds or certificates hereinbefore provided for, and the city or any person whose property is taken, if they cannot agree, as hereinbefore provided, upon the damages, may have the same determined in the same manner as damages for property taken in laying out highways in said city are determined.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

May 12, 1892.

1892. — CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITY REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of Boston shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen of said city, a city registrar, who shall have charge of the registry department of said city and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties appertaining to registrars of cities provided for in section sixteen of chapter thirty-two of the Public Statutes; and said city may from time to time assign to said city registrar any other duties. Chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five and chapter four hundred and eighteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and all other acts relating to departments of the city of Boston and officers in charge thereof, shall apply to said registry department and to said city registrar.

Mayor to appoint city registrar.

1885, 266, and 1890, 418, to apply to registrar and registry department.

SECT. 2. The said city registrar shall, from his subordinates, appoint two assistant city registrars, who may, in the absence of the city registrar, perform his duties; and the certificates or attestations of either assistant city registrar shall have the same force and effect as that of the city registrar; said city registrar may pay, out of any funds received by him, the fees due to persons making returns under the requirements of law, and shall on or before the twentieth of each month transmit the accounts and vouchers for all funds so received and fees so paid to the city auditor.

Registrar to appoint two assistant city registrars.

SECT. 3. The duties imposed upon the clerks of cities or towns under sections fourteen and fifteen of chapter thirty-seven of the Public Statutes shall in Boston be performed by the city registrar.

Duties of registrar.

SECT. 4. Said city may from time to time, by ordinance, direct the head of any department, including the city clerk, to place in charge of the city registrar any of the books or papers of such department bearing date prior to the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and may in like manner direct their return.

Department books, etc. may be placed in charge of registrar.

SECT. 5. In the city of Boston the penalties or forfeitures established by section seventeen of chapter thirty-two of the Public Statutes, or by acts supplementary thereto, shall be recovered on complaint, in the same manner as penalties for breaches of the ordinances of said city, and all fines paid on such complaints shall enure to said city for such uses as it may direct.

Recovery of penalties under P.S. c. 32, § 17.

May 19, 1892.

[1885, 266; 1890, 418.]

1892. — CHAPTER 347.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO PENSIONING MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. The board of fire commissioners of the city of Boston, by the majority vote of the members and with the approval of the mayor, shall have power to retire from office in the fire department any member thereof who has become disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or any member who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than fifteen consecutive years, and shall in such case place the member so retired upon the pension roll. Any member may be placed on the pension

Fire commissioners may retire and pension members of fire department.



Pension rates.

roll when it shall be certified to the board in writing, by the physician to the board of health, that such member is permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, from performing his duties as a member of the department. In case of total disability caused or induced by the actual performance of his duty the amount of annual pension shall be two-thirds of the annual compensation allowed to men of the grade in which such member served. The pension of members of the permanent force who have served fifteen years shall be an amount not exceeding one-half the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired. The pension of members of the call force who have served fifteen or more consecutive years shall be one-half the annual salary or compensation of the office from which said members are retired, or such further sum as the board may determine.

Members now on pension roll may be paid under this act.

SECT. 2. The said board of the said city may, by majority vote of the members thereof with the approval of the mayor, pay to former members of the fire department of said city now on the pension rolls of said city, pensions in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Subject to acceptance by city council.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

June 3, 1892.

[1880, 107; 1888, 174; 1891, 404.]

## 1892. — CHAPTER 353.

### AN ACT RELATING TO PENSIONING MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Board of police may retire, and pension members of police department.

SECTION 1. The board of police of the city of Boston may at his own request retire from active service and place upon a pension roll any member of the police department who has performed faithful service in said department for a period not less than twenty years, if in the judgment of the board said officer is incapacitated for useful service on said force, and said board shall retire from such service and place upon a pension roll any member of said force who has arrived at the age of sixty-five years, or any member who shall be certified to said board in writing, by the physician to the board of health of said city, as being permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, by injuries sustained in the actual performance of duty, from further performing duty as such member: *provided, however*, that no officer shall be retired under the provisions of this act unless such action is approved in writing by the mayor of the city of Boston; and *provided*, that soldiers and sailors who served during the war of the rebellion and who have received an honorable discharge shall not be retired at the age of sixty-five years, except at their own request.

Mayor to approve action of board of police.

Pension rates.

SECT. 2. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of this act shall be one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of such retirement, the same to be paid by the city of Boston.

This act not to repeal other acts.

SECT. 3. The provisions of this act are in addition to and not in repeal of any act now in force relative to pensioning members of such force.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted August 6, 1892.

SECT. 4. The board of police are hereby authorized in case of emergency to call upon any person so pensioned, for temporary service in the department for which he is fitted, and during such service he shall be entitled to full pay.

Members on pension-roll may be called upon for service.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.<sup>1</sup>

Subject to acceptance by city council.

June 8, 1892.

[1878, 244; 1879, 97; 1887, 178]

## 1892. — CHAPTER 358.

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE SHORES AND BEACHES OF BOSTON HARBOR.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. Whoever shall take, carry away, or remove by land or water any stones, gravel or sand from any of the beaches, headlands or islands within or bordering upon Boston harbor, without the consent in writing of the board of harbor and land commissioners, shall for each offence forfeit and pay for the use of the Commonwealth a sum not less than twenty-five dollars or more than two hundred dollars, to be recovered by complaint or indictment in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Taking of stones, etc., from beaches in Boston harbor prohibited.

SECT. 2. Boston harbor, for the purposes of this act, shall be deemed to include all tide water enclosed by the upland and a line drawn from the outer end of Point Allerton, in the town of Hull, to the outer end of the outer Brewster island, and thence direct to the outer end of Cherry island bar, in the town of Revere.

Boston harbor, limits of.

SECT. 3. Chapter three hundred and one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

June 11, 1892.

## 1892. — CHAPTER 371.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE JAMAICA POND AND WARD'S POND FOR A PUBLIC PARK.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston may, by a vote of its park commissioners approved by its mayor, take in fee, by purchase or otherwise, such lands with the buildings thereon, abutting on Jamaica pond in that part of Boston known as ward twenty-three, and such lands with the buildings thereon, abutting on Ward's pond in that part of Boston known as ward twenty-two, as said board of park commissioners with the approval of said mayor may determine to be desirable for the public parks of said city, whether said lands are held by the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation, or by any other corporation or person; but whenever any of the lands and buildings of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation are so taken, otherwise than by purchase, the whole of the land and buildings owned by it on the first day of March in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two, abutting on either of said ponds, shall be taken; and whenever lands of the Jamaica Pond Ice Company lying between Prince street and said Jamaica pond are so taken, otherwise than by purchase, the whole of the lands so lying, owned by it at the time of said taking, and all buildings thereon used by it in connection with its business

City may take Jamaica pond and Ward's pond.

Taking to include all property owned by aqueduct corporation.

Jamaica pond Ice Company may elect to continue business for two years from taking.

Description of lands taken to be recorded.

Fee to vest in city.

Damages, determination of.

Petition for a jury to determine damages.

Court may appoint three disinterested persons to determine damages.

in cutting and removing ice from said pond, and storing and selling the same, and all fixtures forming a part of said buildings, shall be taken; and whenever any of its lands lying between Pond street and said Jamaica pond are so taken, the whole of its lands and buildings so lying and owned by it at the time of said taking, and all buildings thereon used by it in connection with its business of cutting and removing ice from said pond, and storing and selling the same, and all fixtures forming a part of said buildings, shall be taken. And if said company or its assigns shall give written notice to said board of park commissioners within sixty days after receiving notice of any such taking, that it desires to carry on its said business upon the premises taken, said company or its assigns shall have the right to cut and remove ice from said Jamaica pond, and to remain in possession of and use its fixtures, buildings and premises, and to continue its business as before, for a period not exceeding two years from and after said taking; and the existence of said right shall be taken into account in estimating the damages sustained by said company.

SECT. 2. Said board of park commissioners shall, within sixty days after the taking of any lands as aforesaid, otherwise than by purchase, cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk a description of the lands so taken as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, together with the statement that the same have been taken under the authority of this act, which description and statement shall be signed by said board or by a majority thereof. The fee of any property so taken shall vest in the city, and said board of park commissioners shall determine, and said city shall pay, all damages sustained by any person or corporation in his property by any taking made under the authority of this act, otherwise than by purchase; but said determination by said board of park commissioners shall not be a condition precedent to any application to either the superior court or the supreme judicial court for the assessment of said damages as provided in the following section.

SECT. 3. Said board of park commissioners or any person sustaining damages in his property by any taking, otherwise than by purchase, made under authority of this act, if they fail to agree as to the amount of damages so sustained may within one year after such taking, file in the office of the clerk of the superior court for the county of Suffolk a petition for a jury to determine such damages, and thereupon, after such notice as said court shall order, the damages so sustained shall be determined by a jury in said court in the same manner as damages for lands taken for highways in said city are determined, and costs shall be taxed as in civil cases: *provided, however*, that if the person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid shall within six months after such taking, file in the office of the clerk of the supreme judicial court for the county of Suffolk a petition for the assessment of such damages, said court shall, after such notice to the parties as the court shall order, appoint three disinterested persons who shall, after such notice as the court shall order, assess the damages, if any, which such petitioner may have sustained as aforesaid; and the award of the persons so appointed, or of a major part thereof, being returned into and accepted by said court, shall be final, and judgment shall be entered and execution issued thereon for the prevailing party, with costs taxed as in civil cases. In case of an application to the supreme judicial court as aforesaid, any petition theretofore filed in the superior court for the assessment of said damages shall forthwith abate and be superseded.

SECT. 4. Said city, to better guard and protect the waters of said Jamaica pond and said Ward's pond from pollution and intrusion, shall, after it has taken, by purchase or otherwise, all the lands abutting on said ponds and until otherwise provided by statute, have and exercise all the right and control which the Commonwealth has in said ponds or in either of them; but nothing herein shall be construed to authorize said city to prevent said Jamaica Pond Ice Company or its assigns from continuing to cut and remove ice from said Jamaica pond and to carry on its business as heretofore during the period mentioned in section one of this act, if it shall so elect.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[1875, 185.]

June 13, 1892.

## 1892. — CHAPTER 374.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE ABOLITION OF GRADE CROSSINGS ON CHELSEA BRIDGE AND CHELSEA BRIDGE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

SECTION 1. Upon petition of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Chelsea, the superior court, or any justice thereof sitting in equity for the county of Suffolk, after such notice by public advertisement or otherwise as the court shall deem desirable, and a hearing, shall appoint, according to its discretion, a commission of three disinterested persons not residents of the county of Suffolk, who shall, after due notice and a hearing, prescribe the alterations and improvements necessary to abolish or overcome all grade crossings on that part of Chelsea bridge or Chelsea Bridge avenue crossing Mystic river in Boston in said county.

SECT. 2. The said commission shall prescribe the manner and limits within which such alterations and improvements shall be made, and shall further determine how the work shall be done; and if said commission shall decide that said grade crossings shall be abolished or overcome by carrying the highway by a bridge or superstructure over the present railroad crossings on said bridge or avenue, it may discontinue the present highway under such bridge or superstructure, except so far as the use of the same may be required for the proper and convenient construction, maintenance, alteration and repair of said overhead structure and the foundation and support thereof and of any reconstruction of the same: *provided, however,* that the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company and the Boston and Chelsea Railroad Company shall have the same rights in any superstructure that may be erected hereunder as they have in the present bridge and roadway.

SECT. 3. The Lynn and Boston Railroad Company, subject to the approval of the board of harbor and land commissioners, may build a temporary bridge or bridges, upon which bridge or bridges it may run its cars while said alterations and improvements are being made, and it shall primarily pay all the expenses thereof, including those of removal, and be liable for all damages arising in consequence thereof.

SECT. 4. The Boston and Maine Railroad shall carry out such alterations and improvements as said commission shall prescribe, and do all the work required therein; and of the cost incurred by said Boston and Maine Railroad in doing said work and making said alterations and improvements, as audited and approved by the auditors provided for in chapter four hundred and twenty-eight of

the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, including in such cost the cost of the hearing and the compensation of the commissioners and auditors for their services, and including also damages mentioned in section five of chapter four hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety and in all acts in addition thereto or in amendment thereof, and including further all expenses of the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company in changing its tracks to said superstructure and in building said temporary bridge, five per centum shall be repaid to said Boston and Maine Railroad by said Lynn and Boston Railroad Company, and thirty per centum shall be repaid to said Boston and Maine Railroad by the Commonwealth, in the same manner and from the same funds that money is paid by the Commonwealth under the provisions of chapter four hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety; and of the amount so repaid to said Boston and Maine Railroad by the Commonwealth, eighteen per centum shall be repaid to the Commonwealth by each of said cities of Boston and Chelsea, in three equal annual payments of six per centum of said amount.

Payments by  
Boston and  
Chelsea.

Amounts to be  
paid by Boston  
to be included  
in annual tax.

SECT. 5. Six per centum of the total amount to be repaid to the Commonwealth by the cities of Boston and Chelsea, as provided in the preceding section, shall be included in and made a part of the sum charged to each of the cities of Boston and Chelsea for each of the ensuing three years, and shall be assessed upon them in the apportionment and assessment of their annual state tax. The state treasurer shall in each of said three years notify each such city of the amount of such assessment, which amount shall be paid by the city into the treasury of the Commonwealth at the time required for the payment, and as a part of its state tax.

1890, 428, cer-  
tain sections to  
apply.

SECT. 6. Sections four to twelve, inclusive, of chapter four hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety and all acts in addition thereto or in amendment thereof, shall be applicable to all proceedings under this act, so far as they shall not conflict with the provisions of this act: *provided, however*, that all damages occasioned by the taking of land, whether by either city or said railroad company, shall primarily be paid by said railroad company.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 14, 1892.

## 1892. — CHAPTER 401.

### AN ACT RELATING TO SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Superintendent  
of streets to  
construct side-  
walks when  
ordered.

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston may pass an order that the superintendent of streets of said city make a sidewalk along any highway or part thereof in said city, specifying in the order the locations, heights, widths, and materials for the sidewalks, and the said superintendent shall carry out said order.

Expenses, how  
paid.

SECT. 2. Any expenses incurred for any work so ordered and performed shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated under the provisions of section one of chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and shall be repaid to said city as the assessable cost of the work by the owners of the several parcels of land bordering on the part of the highway along which the sidewalk is made: *provided, however*, that if any such parcel is devoted to public use, said city may assume and pay

Expense to be  
repaid by  
owners.

the whole or part of the amount assessed thereof, if said city shall deem proper so to do.

SECT. 3. Said superintendent shall so apportion the said assess-  
able cost to the parcels of land aforesaid that the amount apportioned  
to each parcel shall bear to the total assessable cost the proportion  
which the number of lineal feet of each parcel on said highway bears  
to the number of such lineal feet of all such parcels, and a lien shall  
attach to the parcel and to any buildings which may be thereon for  
such amount, as a part of the tax on such parcel. Said superintendent  
shall give notice of the amount of every such assessment to the owner  
of the estate assessed therefor, forthwith after the amount has been  
determined.

Apportionment  
of assessable  
cost.

Notice of assess-  
ment to be given  
to owner.

SECT. 4. The provisions of sections sixteen, seventeen, and  
eighteen of chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the  
year eighteen hundred and ninety-one and acts in amendment thereof  
shall, so far as applicable, apply to all assessments made under  
this act.

1891, 323, cer-  
tain sections to  
apply.

SECT. 5. Sidewalks in said city shall hereafter be made and  
paid for only in accordance with the provisions of this act, the pro-  
visions of chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the  
year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and acts in amendment thereof.

Sidewalks to be  
hereafter made  
under this act.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 16, 1892.

## 1892. — CHAPTER 402.

### AN ACT RELATING TO SEWERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston may  
order that the superintendent of streets of said city make a sewer  
or sewers in any highway or strip of land and other places in said city,  
specifying in the order the locations, sizes, and materials for the sewer  
or sewers, and the said superintendent shall carry out said order.

Superintendent  
of streets to con-  
struct sewers  
when ordered.

SECT. 2. Any expenses incurred for any work so ordered and  
performed shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated under the  
provisions of section one of chapter three hundred and twenty-three  
of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and shall, to  
an amount not exceeding four dollars for each lineal foot of sewer,  
be repaid to said city as the assessable cost of the work, by the  
owners of the several parcels of land bordering on the highway or  
strip of land in which the sewer is made.

Expenses, how  
paid.

Expenses to be  
repaid by  
owner.

SECT. 3. Said superintendent shall so apportion the said assess-  
able cost to the parcels of land aforesaid that the amount apportioned  
to each parcel shall bear to the total assessable cost the proportion  
which the number of lineal feet of each parcel on said highway or  
strip of land bears to the number of such lineal feet of all such  
parcels, and a lien shall attach to the parcel and to any buildings  
which may be thereon for such amount, as a part of the tax on such  
parcel. Said superintendent shall give notice of the amount of every  
such assessment and the interest thereon to the owner of the parcel  
liable therefor, forthwith after such amount has been determined.

Apportionment  
of assessable  
cost.

Notice of assess-  
ment to be  
given to owner.

SECT. 4. When an assessment is made for a parcel of land for  
which the owner is by law exempt from being taxed, as determined  
and certified to by the assessors of said city on application to them  
therefor, the collector of taxes of said city shall suspend the collection  
of such assessment, but after the day on which the parcel ceases to  
be owned by a person or corporation so exempt, the amount of such

Assessment  
upon land ex-  
empt to be sus-  
pended.

assessment, less any payment made for an entry under the following section, shall be collected as if that day were the date of the passage of the aforesaid order for making the sewer.

Entry of particular drains, how made.

SECT. 5. The owner of any parcel of land on which an assessment has been made for said cost and the collection of which has not been suspended under the provisions of the preceding section, may enter from any part thereof within one hundred and twenty-five feet of said highway or strip of land, a particular drain into such sewer, and the owner of any parcel of land the collection of the assessment upon which has been so suspended, or of any other parcel of land, may, after the amount to be paid for an entry has been fixed by the mayor and aldermen of said city, enter a particular drain from such parcel into said sewer, and there shall be due and payable to said city, upon any such entry, the amount of the assessment apportioned or fixed as hereinbefore provided.

1891, 323, certain sections to apply.

SECT. 6. The provisions of sections sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen of chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one and acts in amendment thereof shall, so far as applicable, apply to all assessments made under this act.

Repeal.

SECT. 7. Chapter four hundred and fifty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and chapter three hundred and forty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety are hereby repealed, and sewers in said city shall hereafter be made and paid for only in accordance with the provisions of this act or the provisions of chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one and acts in amendment thereof.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 16, 1892.

## 1892. — CHAPTER 418.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE LOCATION, LAYING OUT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Treasurer to issue and sell bonds, etc., to amount appropriated.

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten," in the fourth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the word "twenty," and by striking out the words "and one half," in the sixth line, so as to read as follows: *Section 2.* The treasurer of said city shall, from time to time, on the request of the mayor in writing, issue, to the amount or amounts so appropriated, negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness, payable in twenty years from their date, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and fixed by said treasurer with the approval of the mayor, and shall sell said bonds and certificates or any part of them, and credit the proceeds thereof, except premiums, to the aforesaid appropriation.

SECT. 2. Section five of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "hearing," in the seventeenth line, and inserting in place thereof the following words: "and shall, after making any such plan, give a like notice and hearing thereon, and keep the plan open to public inspection for two months after the first advertisement of such hearing. Such plan thereafter, and after alterations deemed necessary by said board have been made thereon, shall be marked as made under the provisions of this act, be signed by said board, and if approved by the mayor of said city, be

signed by him, and after being so signed and approved shall be filed in the office of the city surveyor of said city, signed, and the date of said filing attested, by said city surveyor. Nothing in this act shall invalidate or affect any plan or plans heretofore filed by said board, but such alterations may, at any time or times within three months after the passage of this act, be made on any plan or plans heretofore filed as aforesaid, except as to ways laid out subsequent to such filing as said board and said mayor may in writing approve. Any plan found in the office of said city surveyor bearing the signatures of two or more persons as the board of survey, the signature of a person as the mayor, and the signature of a person as the city surveyor, shall be prima-facie evidence that the plan, and all data above specified made thereon, were made under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of this act," — so as to read as follows: *Section 5.* The board of survey shall, with all reasonable dispatch, cause to be made under its direction, plans of such territory or sections of land in said city as said board may deem necessary, showing thereon the location of such highway or the locations of such highways, whether already laid out or not, as said board shall be of opinion the present or future interests of the public will require in each territory, showing clearly the directions, widths, and grades of each highway, and may employ such assistants and incur such expenses as it may deem necessary therefor. Said board, before making any such plans, shall give a public hearing as to the locations, directions, widths, and grades for the highway or highways in the territory to be shown on the plan, after advertising a notice of such hearing twice a week for two weeks in succession in at least two daily newspapers published in said city, the last advertisement to be at least two days before such hearing, and shall, after making any such plan, give a like notice and hearing thereon, and keep the plan open to public inspection for two months after the first advertisement of such hearing. Such plan thereafter, and after alterations deemed necessary by said board have been made thereon, shall be marked as made under the provisions of this act, be signed by said board, and if approved by the mayor of said city, be signed by him, and after being so signed and approved shall be filed in the office of the city surveyor of said city, signed, and the date of said filing attested, by said city surveyor. Nothing in this act shall invalidate or affect any plan or plans heretofore filed by said board, but such alterations may, at any time or times within three months after the passage of this act, be made on any plan or plans heretofore filed as aforesaid, except as to ways laid out subsequent to such filing as said board and said mayor may in writing approve. Any plan found in the office of said city surveyor bearing the signatures of two or more persons as the board of survey, the signature of a person as the mayor, and the signature of a person as the city surveyor, shall be prima-facie evidence that the plan, and all data above specified made thereon, were made under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Board of survey to cause plans to be made of certain sections, etc.

To give public hearing before making such plans.

Plan to be marked and signed and filed with city surveyor.

Plans heretofore filed may be altered.

Plan to be prima facie evidence, etc.

SECT. 3. Said chapter is hereby amended by striking out section eight, and inserting in place thereof the following new section:

*Section 8.* The powers of the board of street commissioners of said city in regard to highways shall not be abridged by this act in any manner except as provided in this section and in section ten, and the powers given them in this act shall be in addition to the powers now exercised by them. After the passage of this act, in the city of Boston no highway shown on any plan filed as aforesaid shall be laid out, located anew, altered, or widened, and no such highway, whether already or hereafter laid out, shall be constructed by any public authority, until after the passage of an order therefor, as

Powers of street commissioners, how affected.

Laying out, etc., of highways.



provided in section ten of this act, and then only in accordance with the provisions of this act; and no person or corporation shall hereafter open for public travel any private way into any highway, unless the location, directions, widths, and grades of such private way have been approved in writing by said board of street commissioners, and by the mayor; and neither the city nor any other public authority shall place any public sewer, drain, water pipe, or lamp in, or do any public work of any kind on, any private way opened to public travel, contrary to the provisions of this act: *provided, however*, that this provision shall not prevent the laying of a trunk sewer, or a water or gas main, as engineering demands may require.

Erection of building at grade different from city surveyor's upon ways included in plan.

No damages to be recovered in such case for subsequent change of grade.

Street commissioners may order laying out, etc., of highways.

Remedies for person injured in property.

SECT. 4. Section nine of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out in the thirteenth line of said section, the words "first advertisement aforesaid," and inserting in place thereof the words: "first advertisement of the first notice given by said board, relating to the plan on which any part of said estate is shown," and by striking out in the fourteenth and fifteenth lines, the words "by the subsequent establishment or change of the grade of any highway," and inserting in place thereof the words: "by any subsequent establishment of any grade of any highway or by any subsequent change of any grade of any highway," so as to read as follows: *Section 9.* If any building shall hereafter be placed or erected in said city at a grade other than the grade therefor recorded in the office of the city surveyor, and which the city surveyor shall furnish on the request of the owner of the land on which the building is to be placed, or if any building shall be placed or erected within the boundaries of any way shown on any of the plans hereinbefore provided for, after the filing of the plan as aforesaid, and not removed at the expense of the owner when required by said board of street commissioners, no damage occasioned to the estate, of which the land on which the building was so placed formed a part at the date of the first advertisement of the first notice given by said board, relating to the plan on which any part of said estate is shown, or to any part of said estate, by any subsequent establishment of any grade of any highway or by any subsequent change of any grade of any highway, shall be recovered by, or be paid to, the owner of the whole or of any part of such estate.

SECT. 5. Said chapter is hereby amended by striking out section ten, and inserting in place thereof the following new section: *Section 10.* Whenever said board of street commissioners shall be of opinion that any way or strip of land in said city should be laid out as a highway, or that any highway therein should be located anew, altered, or widened, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel, or other material, or that any one or more of such actions should be taken, said board shall proceed in the manner provided at the date of the passage of this act for laying out highways in said city, and may with the approval of the mayor, pass an order providing therein for the carrying out of any one or more of such actions which they may deem necessary for securing the land required for such highway, or for constructing such highway, or for both purposes, and for any part of such strip, way, or highway as lies within any territory or section of land shown on any plan filed as aforesaid, land shall be secured and construction made as aforesaid, only in accordance with the directions, widths, and grades shown on said plan, and for any part which does not so lie, then as said board, with the approval of the mayor, shall deem proper. Any person whose property is taken in carrying out such order may have the same remedies which are provided at the date of the pas-

sage of this act for a person whose property is taken in laying out highways in said city, except as modified by the provisions of section nine. Said board of commissioners shall, if it orders the construction of a highway, prescribe in the order the kind of surface or pavement for the highway, the height and width and the materials for the sidewalks therein, and the sizes and materials for the sewers and their connections, the water pipes and their connections, and the gas pipes and their connections, to be laid in the highway, and if the gas company having authority to lay said gas pipes shall certify the proper sizes and materials for the gas pipes and their connections, the said board shall prescribe thereon in accordance with said certificate.

Street commissioners to prescribe in order, kind of pavement, etc.

SECT. 6. Said chapter is hereby amended by striking out section eleven, and inserting in place thereof the following new section: *Section 11.* So much of an estate as lies between the highway as described in the aforesaid order of said street commissioners, and a line drawn one hundred and twenty-five feet from and parallel with the highway, shall, for the purposes of this act, be deemed a parcel of land; but if there is another way within less than two hundred and fifty feet of said highway, and having the same general direction, so much of an estate as lies between said highway and a line drawn midway between said highway and said other way, shall, for the purpose of this act, be deemed a parcel of land.

"Parcel of land" defined.

SECT. 7. Said chapter is hereby amended by striking out section fourteen, and inserting in place thereof the following new section: *Section 14.* Said board of street commissioners shall, after the carrying out of their order, determine the cost incurred thereby, including the expenses, as certified to them by the auditor of said city, of taking land and of all other doings in any laying out, locating anew, altering or widening and constructing the highway, and of the sewers and the laying thereof, and of all other work and materials furnished by or for the city in carrying out their order; shall deduct therefrom the expenses of the city, as certified by said auditor, for water pipes, gas pipes and connections and the laying thereof, and for sewers and connections and the laying thereof, in excess of four dollars for each and every lineal foot of sewer, and, if the highway as laid out, located anew, altered, or widened is more than fifty feet in width, shall also deduct such proportion of the said certified expense incurred in laying out, locating anew, altering, or widening and constructing the highway, as the width of the highway, in feet in excess of fifty bears to the entire width of the highway in feet, but in case of street widenings when the highway as widened is more than fifty feet wide, the deduction shall be of such proportion of such certified expense of such widening and constructing the highway as the width of the highway in feet in excess of fifty feet bears to the total width of the widening of the highway in feet; and the remainder of said cost in each case shall be the assessable cost of the work done under said order.

Street commissioners to determine cost incurred.

To deduct expenses of city.

To deduct certain proportion of such expense.

Remainder to be assessable cost.

SECT. 8. Said chapter is hereby amended by striking out section fifteen, and inserting in place thereof the following new section: *Section 15.* The said assessable cost of the work done under said order shall be assessed upon the several parcels of land as defined in section eleven, as they were at the date of the aforesaid order of said street commissioners, and the amount with interest, to be paid for each parcel for which the parcel shall be liable but for which the owner shall not be personally liable, and for which as a part of the tax thereon a lien shall attach to the parcel, shall be determined by said board of street commissioners in accordance with the proportions

Street commissioners to determine assessment upon each parcel of land.

Appeal may be had to superior court.

Expense of laying, etc., gas pipes; how paid.

in which said board shall determine that the said parcels of land are increased in value by the aforesaid order and the carrying out thereof. Every such amount may be revised and corrected by the said board of street commissioners, subject to appeal therefrom to the superior court to determine such correctness, as is provided in the case of taxes, from the board of assessors. The cost, if any are laid by said superintendent of streets, of the gas pipes and connections and the laying thereof, as determined by said auditor, shall be repaid to said city by the gas company owning the pipes with which the gas pipes laid in said street are connected.

Assessment if not paid within a year, etc., to be included in annual tax bills.

Apportionment of amount in tax bills.

To be collected, abated, etc., in same manner as taxes.

Owner may pay entire amount at any time.

May pay portion of amount.

SECT. 9. Said chapter is hereby amended by striking out section sixteen, and inserting in place thereof the following new section: *Section 16.* If the amount of the aforesaid assessable cost for which any parcel of land aforesaid is liable, determined as provided in section fifteen, is not paid before the expiration of one year from the date of said determination, or if such amount as found by the court, on an appeal or other suit or proceeding, is not paid before the last day of May next succeeding the finding of the court, in each case with interest from the date of the passage of the aforesaid order of said street commissioners, at the rate of four and one half per cent. per annum, the board of assessors of said city shall include a sum equal to nine per cent. of such amount in the next and succeeding annual tax bills issued for the tax on the said parcel, and in the tax bills issued the first year shall also include interest on the whole of said amount, at the rate of four and one half per cent. per annum from the date of aforesaid order to the last day of October of the year of the date of such tax bill, and in the tax bills for each succeeding year shall include one year's interest on the whole of said amount at the aforesaid rate, and shall so include such sums and interest until ten such sums with interest have been paid; said board shall issue tax bills for such sums for any parcels for which no tax bill would otherwise be issued. Every such sum in a tax bill shall be abated, collected and paid into the city treasury, as if a part of and in the same manner as the city taxes.

SECT. 10. Said chapter is hereby amended by striking out section seventeen, and inserting in place thereof the following new section: *Section 17.* The owner of any parcel of land aforesaid may at any time pay to said city the balance of the amount of the said assessable cost for which his parcel is liable, remaining due after deducting therefrom the several sums, exclusive of interest, included in tax bills as provided in section sixteen, with interest on the whole amount assessed at the rate of four and one half per centum per annum from the last day of October preceding, to the date of payment, and his parcel shall then be relieved from further lien and liability for said cost, or he may at any time pay a part of said balance, and the board of street commissioners may then, at their discretion, with the approval of the mayor, relieve a proportional part of said parcel from further liability and lien for said cost.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 16, 1892.

## 1892. — CHAPTER 419.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Department for the inspection of buildings created.

SECTION 1. There shall be in the city of Boston a department, to be called the department for the inspection of buildings, which shall

be furnished, at the expense of the city, with office room and such supplies for the transaction of its business as the city council may provide. The compensation of its officers shall be provided for by said city by ordinance.

SECT. 2. The chief officer of said department shall be called the Chief officer. inspector of buildings, and shall be either an architect, builder, or civil engineer, and shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the board of aldermen. He shall hold office for the term of Tenure of office. three years or until his successor shall be appointed and confirmed, but may be removed by the mayor for malfeasance, incapacity, or Removal. neglect of duty.

SECT. 3. The other officers of said department shall consist of a Assistant inspectors, etc., appointment and removal. clerk and such number of assistant inspectors and civil engineers as the city council may from time to time by ordinance determine. All of said officers shall be appointed by the inspector, with the approval of the mayor, and shall hold office during good behavior; but may be removed by the inspector, with the approval of the mayor, for malfeasance, incapacity, or neglect of duty.

SECT. 4. None of the aforesaid officers of the department shall Officers not to engage in other business, etc. be employed or engaged in any other business, or be interested in any contract for building or for furnishing materials to be used for building in the city of Boston.

SECT. 5. In case of the temporary absence or disability of the Inspector may appoint deputy. inspector he may appoint one of the assistant inspectors as his deputy, and such deputy shall, during such absence or disability, exercise all the powers of the inspector. The clerk of the department shall, under the direction of the inspector, have supervision and direction of the other officers and employees of said department. Clerk to have supervision of officers.

SECT. 6. The inspector shall keep a record of the business of Records and annual report. said department, submit to the city council a yearly report of such business, ascertain all facts and make all returns required by law To make returns relative to steam-boilers. relative to steam boilers, and enter, if necessary, upon the premises wherein any fire has occurred, in order to investigate the origin of the fire. He may require plans and specifications of any proposed May require plans, etc., to be filed with him. erections or alterations of buildings, to be filed with him, and shall grant permits for such erections or alterations when in conformity with the requirements of this act.

SECT. 7. The inspector or his assistants shall examine all build- To examine buildings in course of erection, etc. ings in the course of erection or alteration, as often as practicable, and make a record of all violations of this act, with the street and number where such violations are found, the names of the owner, To make record of violations of act. architect, and master mechanics, and all other matters relative thereto.

SECT. 8. The inspector or his assistants shall examine all build- To examine dangerous buildings, etc., and make record. ings reported dangerous or damaged by fire or accident, and make a record of such examinations, stating the nature and amount of such damage, the name of the street and number of the building, the names of the owner and occupant, and the purpose for which it is occupied, and in case of fire the probable origin thereof; shall examine all buildings for which applications have been made for permits to raise, enlarge, alter, build upon or tear down, and make a record of such examination. The records required by this section Records to be open to inspection of engineers, etc. shall always be open to the inspection of the engineers of the fire department or any officer of the city, and of any other parties the value of whose property may be affected by the matters to which such records relate.

SECT. 9. The assistant inspectors of buildings shall attend all Assistants to attend fire- in their districts, etc. fires occurring in the districts to which they are respectively assigned; shall report to the chief or assistant engineer of the fire department,

Engineers to make necessary computations, etc.

To inspect plans, etc., before granting permit for erection.

Copy of plans of public building to be deposited in inspector's office.

Board of appeal created.

Appointment of members of.

Tenure of office and removal.

Salary.

City to pay expenses.

Disqualification of members.

Appeals, how taken and heard.

and present all information they may have relative to the construction and condition of the premises on fire, and of the adjoining buildings.

SECT. 10. It shall be the duty of the engineers, upon the request of the inspector or of the board of appeal hereinafter provided, to make all necessary computations as to the strength of materials, and to furnish expert assistance with regard to the mode of construction of any building subject to the provisions of this act.

SECT. 11. The inspector shall not give a permit for the erection of any building until he has carefully inspected the plans and specifications thereof, ascertained that the building has sufficient strength, and that the means of ingress and egress are sufficient. A copy of the plans and specifications of every public building shall be deposited in the office of the inspector. The inspector may require any applicant for a permit to give notice of the application to any persons whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

SECT. 12. There shall be in said Boston a board, to be called the board of appeal from the inspector of buildings, which board shall consist of three members, to be appointed as follows: One person, who shall be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the board of aldermen, and who shall hold his office for three years from the date of his appointment. One architect, who shall be appointed, with the approval of the mayor, by the Boston chapter of the American Society of Architects, such appointment being duly certified by the proper recording officer of said chapter, and who shall hold his office for two years from the date of his appointment. One master builder, who shall be appointed, with the approval of the mayor, by the Master Builders' Association, such appointment being duly certified by the proper recording officer of such association, and who shall hold his office for one year from the date of his appointment. The terms of the several members of said board shall be three years each, after the expiration of the first terms. Any member of said board may be removed by the mayor for malfeasance, incapacity, or neglect of duty. Each member of said board shall be paid by the city a compensation of five dollars for each hour of actual service, but not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum. The reasonable expenses of said board, including clerical assistance and office expenses if required, shall be paid by the city of Boston. No member of said board shall sit in a case in which he is interested, and in case of such disqualification, or of the necessary absence of any member, the two other members shall appoint a substitute. If two or more members are so disqualified or absent, the inspector shall appoint one substitute, the appellant another, and the two so appointed shall, if necessary, appoint a third.

SECT. 13. Any applicant for a permit from the inspector of buildings required by this act, whose application has been refused, or any person who has been ordered by the inspector to incur any expense, may within fifteen days after being notified of such refusal or order, appeal from the decision of the inspector by giving to the inspector notice in writing that he does so appeal. Any person, the value of whose property may be affected by work to be done under any permit granted by the inspector of buildings, may, within three days after the issuing of such permit, appeal by giving to the inspector notice in writing that he does so appeal. All cases in which appeals have been taken as above provided shall be referred to the board of appeal, and said board shall, after hearing, direct the inspector to issue his permit under such conditions, if any, as they may require, or to withhold the same.

SECT. 14. Any member of the board of appeal and any officer of the department for the inspection of buildings may, so far as may be necessary for the performance of his duties, enter any building or premises in the city of Boston.

Officers, etc., may enter buildings.

SECT. 15. No building shall be hereafter erected or altered and no work affecting the strength or fire risk of any wall, structure or building in the city of Boston shall be done without a permit from the inspector of buildings nor except in conformity with the provisions of this act.

Permit to be obtained from inspector for erection, etc., of buildings.

SECT. 16. Every wall, structure, and building hereafter built or altered in said city shall conform to the provisions of this act, except bridges, quays, wharves, and buildings belonging to the government of the United States.

All walls, etc., to conform to this act except.

SECT. 17. In this act the following terms shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them: "Alteration" means any change or addition. "Building of the first class" means building of fire-proof construction throughout. "Building of the second class" means all buildings not of the first class, the external and party walls of which are of brick, stone, iron, or other equally substantial and incombustible material. "Building of the third class" means any building not of the first and second class. "Cellar" means a basement or lower story of which one half or more of the height from the floor to the ceiling is below the level of the street adjoining. "Foundation" means that portion of a wall below the level of the street curb, and where the wall is not on a street, that portion of the wall below the level of the highest ground next to the wall; but if under party or partition walls, may be construed by the inspector to mean that portion below the cellar floor. "Height of a building" means the perpendicular distance of the highest point of the roof above the highest street level of the principal front. "Height of a wall" means the height from the mean grade of the sidewalk or adjoining ground to the highest point of the wall. "Inspector" means the inspector of buildings of the city of Boston. "Lodging house" means a building in which persons are accommodated with sleeping apartments, and includes hotels and apartment houses where cooking is not done in the several apartments. "Party wall" means every wall used, or built in order to be used, as a separation of two or more buildings. "Partition wall" means any interior wall of masonry in a building. "External wall" means every outer wall or vertical enclosure of a building other than a party wall. "Repairs" means the reconstruction or renewal of any existing part of a building, or of its fixtures or appurtenances, by which the strength or fire-risk is not affected or modified, and not made in the opinion of the inspector, for the purpose of converting the building in whole or in part to a new one. "Tenement house" means a building which, or any portion of which, is occupied, or intended to be occupied, as a dwelling by more than three families living independently of one another, and doing their cooking upon the premises; or by more than two families above the second floor, so living and cooking. "Thickness" of a wall means the minimum thickness of such wall.

Meaning of terms used in this act defined.

SECT. 18. The city of Boston may from time to time, by ordinance, extend the building limits in said city, and may establish other limits in any districts of said city, and within such limits every building built after the establishment thereof shall be of the first or second class, and only the following third-class structures shall be allowed, viz.: The wharves and sheds on wharves not exceeding twenty-seven feet in height. Sheds not exceeding the same height to be used for market purposes, or to facilitate the building of authorized buildings. Elevators of any height, for the storage of coal

City may extend, etc., building limits.

Third-class structures, erection, etc., of.

and grain, but all external parts of said sheds and elevators shall be covered with slate, tile, metal, or other equally incombustible material, and their mode of construction and location shall be subject to the approval of the inspector.

#### STRENGTH OF MATERIALS.

Strength of  
materials used  
in construction.

SECT. 19. The stresses in materials hereafter used in construction, produced by the calculated strains due to their own weight and applied loads, shall not exceed the following:

#### Timber.

##### Stresses in Pounds per Square Inch.

|                                     | On Extreme Fibre. | Shearing along Grain. | Compression Perpendicular to Grain. |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| White Pine and Spruce . . . . .     | 750               | 80                    | 150                                 |
| White Oak . . . . .                 | 1,000             | 150                   | 250                                 |
| Yellow Pine (long-leaved) . . . . . | 1,250             | 100                   | 250                                 |

Stresses due to transverse strains combined with direct tension or compression, not to exceed extreme fibre stresses given above.

#### Deflection. — Modulus of Elasticity.

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| White Pine . . . . .                | 750,000   |
| Spruce . . . . .                    | 900,000   |
| Yellow Pine (long-leaved) . . . . . | 1,300,000 |
| White Oak . . . . .                 | 860,000   |

#### For Posts with Flat Ends.

For posts with  
flat ends.

The stresses given in the following table, in which L = length of post, D = least diameter of post, and S = stress per square inch.

| WHITE PINE AND SPRUCE. |     | LONG-LEAVED YELLOW PINE. |       | WHITE OAK. |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| $\frac{L}{D}$          | S   | $\frac{L}{D}$            | S     | S          |
| 0 to 10                | 625 | 0 to 15                  | 1,000 | 750        |
| 10 " 35                | 500 | 15 " 30                  | 875   | 650        |
| 35 " 45                | 375 | 30 " 40                  | 750   | 560        |
| 45 " 50                | 250 | 40 " 45                  | 625   | 470        |
|                        |     | 45 " 50                  | 500   | 375        |

#### Wrought Iron and Steel.

##### Stresses in Pounds per Square Inch.

Wrought-iron  
and steel, stress  
in pounds, etc.

|   | W. I.  | Steel. |
|---|--------|--------|
| Extreme fibre stress, rolled beams, and shapes,     | 12,000 | 16,000 |
| Tension . . . . .                                   | 12,000 | 15,000 |
| Compression in flanges of built beams . . . . .     | 10,000 | 12,000 |
| Shearing . . . . .                                  | 9,000  | 10,000 |
| Direct bearing, including pins and rivets . . . . . | 15,000 | 18,000 |
| Bending on pins . . . . .                           | 18,000 | 22,500 |

For columns and members acting as such, ten thousand for iron and twelve thousand for steel, reduced for ratio of length of column to its least radius of gyration by approved modern formulas.

Stresses due to transverse strains, combined with direct tension or compression, not to exceed extreme fibre stress given above for rolled beams and shapes, or in case of built members the above tension and compression stresses.

Compression flanges of beams to be proportioned to resist lateral flexure unless properly stayed or secured against same.

*Deflection. — Modulus of Elasticity.*

|       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |            |                  |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|------------------|
| Iron  | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 27,000,000 | Deflection, iron |
| Steel | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 29,000,000 | and steel.       |

Stresses for steel are those for "Medium Steel" having an ultimate tensile strength of 60,000 to 68,000 pounds per square inch, an elastic limit of not less than 35,000 pounds per square inch, and a minimum elongation in eight inches of twenty per cent.

*Cast Iron.*

*Stresses in Pounds per Square Inch.*

|                                   |   |   |   |   |       |                                |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------|--------------------------------|
| Extreme fibre stress, tension     | . | . | . | . | 2,500 | Cast-iron, stresses in pounds. |
| Extreme fibre stress, compression | . | . | . | . | 8,000 |                                |

*For Columns.*

The stresses given in the following table, in which L = length of columns in feet, D = external diameter, or at least side of rectangle in inches, and S = stress in pounds per square inch.

| ROUND COLUMNS. |                                     |                                      |                         | RECTANGULAR COLUMNS.                |                                      |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $\frac{L}{D}$  | S<br>Square<br>Faced Bear-<br>ings. | S<br>Round and<br>Faced<br>Bearings. | S<br>Round<br>Bearings. | S<br>Square<br>Faced Bear-<br>ings. | S<br>Round and<br>Faced<br>Bearings. | S<br>Round<br>Bearings. |
| 1.0            | 8,480                               | 7,870                                | 7,350                   | 8,810                               | 8,320                                | 7,870                   |
| 1.1            | 8,210                               | 7,540                                | 6,970                   | 8,600                               | 8,030                                | 7,540                   |
| 1.2            | 7,940                               | 7,200                                | 6,590                   | 8,380                               | 7,740                                | 7,200                   |
| 1.3            | 7,670                               | 6,870                                | 6,220                   | 8,140                               | 7,450                                | 6,870                   |
| 1.4            | 7,390                               | 6,540                                | 5,860                   | 7,910                               | 7,160                                | 6,540                   |
| 1.5            | 7,120                               | 6,220                                | 5,530                   | 7,670                               | 6,870                                | 6,220                   |
| 1.6            | 6,850                               | 5,910                                | 5,200                   | 7,430                               | 6,590                                | 5,910                   |
| 1.7            | 6,580                               | 5,620                                | 4,900                   | 7,190                               | 6,310                                | 5,620                   |
| 1.8            | 6,320                               | 5,330                                | 4,620                   | 6,960                               | 6,040                                | 5,330                   |
| 1.9            | 6,060                               | 5,060                                | 4,350                   | 6,730                               | 5,780                                | 5,060                   |
| 2.0            | 5,810                               | 4,810                                | 4,100                   | 6,490                               | 5,530                                | 4,810                   |
| 2.1            | 5,580                               | 4,570                                | 3,870                   | 6,270                               | 5,280                                | 4,570                   |
| 2.2            | 5,340                               | 4,340                                | 3,650                   | 6,050                               | 5,050                                | 4,340                   |
| 2.3            | 5,120                               | 4,120                                | 3,440                   | 5,830                               | 4,830                                | 4,120                   |
| 2.4            | 4,910                               | 3,910                                | 3,250                   | 5,620                               | 4,620                                | 3,910                   |
| 2.5            | 4,710                               | 3,720                                | 3,080                   | 5,420                               | 4,410                                | 3,720                   |
| 2.6            | 4,510                               | 3,540                                | 2,910                   | 5,230                               | 4,220                                | 3,540                   |
| 2.7            | 4,330                               | 3,370                                | 2,760                   | 5,040                               | 4,040                                | 3,370                   |
| 2.8            | 4,150                               | 3,210                                | 2,620                   | 4,860                               | 3,870                                | 3,210                   |
| 2.9            | 3,980                               | 3,060                                | 2,480                   | 4,680                               | 3,700                                | 3,060                   |
| 3.0            | 3,820                               | 2,920                                | 2,360                   | 4,520                               | 3,540                                | 2,920                   |
| 3.1            | 3,660                               | 2,780                                | 2,240                   | 4,350                               | 3,390                                | 2,780                   |
| 3.2            | 3,520                               | 2,660                                | 2,130                   | 4,200                               | 3,250                                | 2,660                   |
| 3.3            | 3,380                               | 2,540                                | 2,030                   | 4,050                               | 3,120                                | 2,540                   |
| 3.4            | 3,250                               | 2,430                                | 1,940                   | 3,910                               | 2,990                                | 2,430                   |



*Stonework.**Stresses in Tons of Two Thousand Pounds per Square Foot.*

First quality, dressed beds and builds, laid solid in cement mortar.

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Granite . . . . .              | 60 |
| Marble and limestone . . . . . | 40 |
| Sandstone . . . . .            | 30 |

In cases where poorer mortar is used, to avoid stain from cement, stresses to be less than above, and to be approved by inspector.

In ashlar faced work, no allowance over strength of brickwork is to be made for ashlar less than eight inches thick. For eight inches thick and over, the excess over four inches shall be allowed.

*Brickwork.**Stresses in Tons of Two Thousand Pounds per Square Foot.*

First-class work, of hard burned bricks, and including piers in which height does not exceed six times the least dimensions, laid in —

|  |    |
|--|----|
| (a) One part cement, two parts sand . . . . .                | 15 |
| (b) One part cement, one part lime, and eight parts sand, 12 |    |
| (c) Lime mortar . . . . .                                    | 8  |

Brick piers of hard burned brick, in which height is from six to twelve times the least dimension.

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Mortar "a" . . . . . | 13 |
| Mortar "b" . . . . . | 10 |
| Mortar "c" . . . . . | 7  |

For "light hard" bricks, stresses not to exceed two-thirds of above.

## IN GENERAL.

Stresses for materials and forms of same, not herein mentioned, shall be those determined by best modern authorities.

## QUALITY OF MATERIALS.

Quality of  
materials.

All materials are to be of good quality for the purpose for which they are to be used, are to conform to legal, trade, and manufacturers' standards, and to be subject to the approval of the inspector.

*Mortars.*

Mortars used,  
how made.

All mortars shall be made with such proportion of sand as will ensure a proper degree of cohesion and tenacity, and secure thorough adhesion to the material with which they are to be used, and the inspector shall condemn all mortars not so made. The following rules must be complied with: Mortar below level of water shall be no poorer than one part cement and two parts sand. Mortar for first-class buildings shall for one-half their height be no poorer than one part cement, two parts sand, above, equal parts of cement and lime, and the proper proportion of sand. Mortar for second-class buildings, and for such parts of third-class buildings as are below the level of the sidewalk, shall be no poorer than equal parts of lime and cement, with a proper proportion of sand. Mortar for third-class buildings above ground shall be no poorer than the best lime mortar. Exceptions by the inspector may be made for mortar used in setting stone where cement will stain.

SECT. 20. No alteration or repairs shall be made on any third-class building within the building limits without a permit from the inspector of buildings, and no permit to increase the height or area of any such building shall be granted. No permit for the alteration or repair of a third-class building within the limits shall be granted if the amount of the outlay proposed exceeds fifty per cent. of the cost of renewing the building.

Alterations,  
etc., of third-  
class buildings.

SECT. 21. No third-class building within or without the building limits shall be moved to any position within said limits.

Moving of  
third-class  
buildings.

SECT. 22. The city council of said city may by ordinance make such requirements, in addition to those contained in this act, as they may deem expedient in relation to the erection and alteration of wooden buildings outside the building limits.

City council  
may make  
additional  
requirements,  
etc.

SECT. 23. A first-class building shall consist of non-inflammable material throughout, with floors constructed of iron or steel beams filled in between with terra-cotta, or other masonry arches, except that wood may be used for under and upper floors, window and door frames, sashes, doors, standing finish, hand-rails for stairs, necessary sleepers bedded in concrete, and for isolated furring blocks bedded in the plaster. There shall be no air space between the top of any floor arches and the floor boarding, and no air space behind any woodwork.

Construction of  
first-class  
buildings.

SECT. 24. Every building hereafter erected over seventy feet high shall be a first-class building; and this provision shall apply to all buildings hereafter increased in height to over seventy feet. Every building hereafter erected or enlarged as a hotel, for the accommodation of transient guests, and containing more than fifty rooms above the first floor, shall be a first-class building.

First-class  
building; what  
to include.

SECT. 25. No building hereafter erected, except spires of churches, shall exceed one hundred and twenty-five feet in height. No building shall be hereafter erected except church spires, of a height greater than two and one-half times the width of the widest street or square on which it stands; such width to be measured from the face of the building to the lawfully established line of the street on the other side. If the street is of uneven width, the average width of the part opposite the building shall be taken. If the effective width of the street is increased by an area or setback, the space between the face of the main building and the lawfully established line of the street may be built upon to the height of twenty feet.

Height of  
buildings  
hereafter  
erected, not to  
exceed, etc.

SECT. 26. Every portion of every structure in process of construction, alteration, repair or removal, and every neighboring structure or portion thereof affected by such process, or by any excavation, shall be properly constructed and sufficiently supported during such process. The inspector may take such measures as the public safety requires to carry this section into effect, and any expense so incurred may be recovered by the city from the owner of the defective structure.

Supports of  
structures  
during  
construction,  
etc.

SECT. 27. Where the nature of the ground requires it, all buildings shall be supported on foundation piles, not more than three feet apart on centres in the direction of the wall, and the number, diameter, and bearing of such piles shall be sufficient to support the superstructure proposed. Buildings over seventy feet in height shall rest, where the nature of the ground permits, upon at least three rows of piles, or an equivalent number of piles arranged in less than three rows. The inspector shall determine the grade at which the piles shall be cut. All piles shall be capped with block granite levellers, each leveller having a firm bearing on the pile or piles it covers. The inspector

Foundation  
piles, how laid,  
capped, etc.

- may require any applicant for a permit to ascertain by boring the nature of the ground on which he proposes to build.
- Foundation bearings.** SECT. 28. Every building shall have a foundation the bearing of which shall be not less than four feet below any adjoining surface exposed to frost, and such foundation, with the superstructure which it supports, shall not overload the material on which it rests.
- Grade of basement.** SECT. 29. The inspector of buildings shall designate in every permit for the erection of a new building, the lowest grade at which the floor of the basement story of such building may be laid.
- Foundations, materials, thickness of, etc.** SECT. 30. Foundations shall be built of rubble, block granite, or brick laid in mortar, as provided in section nineteen. Foundation-walls of rubble shall not be used in buildings over forty feet in height, except third-class buildings outside the limits. Where rubble is used, two-thirds of the bulk of the wall shall be built of through stone, thoroughly bonded. No round or boulder stone shall be used, and if the foundation is on piles, the lower course shall be of block stone not under sixteen inches high. Foundations of rubble shall be twenty-five per cent. thicker than is required for granite foundations. Foundations of block granite shall be at least eight inches thicker than the walls next above them to a depth of twelve feet below the street grade; and for every additional ten feet, or part thereof, deeper, they shall be increased four inches in thickness. Foundations of brick shall be at least twelve inches thick, and at least four inches thicker than the walls next above them to a depth of twelve feet below the street grade; and for every additional ten feet, or part thereof, deeper, they shall be increased four inches in thickness. Foundations shall be thick enough to resist any lateral pressure, and the inspector may order an increase of thickness for that purpose.
- Footing.** The footing shall be of stone or concrete, or both, or of concrete and stepped-up brickwork, of sufficient thickness and area to safely bear the weight to be imposed thereon, and to properly distribute such weight upon the surface on which it rests. If of concrete, the concrete shall not be less than twelve inches thick. If of stone, the stones shall not be less than sixteen inches in thickness, and at least twelve inches wider than the bottom width of the foundation walls, and at least twelve inches wider on all sides than the bottom width of any piers, columns, or posts resting upon them. All footing stones shall be well bedded, and laid crosswise, edge to edge. If stepped-up footings of brick are used in place of stone, above the concrete, the steps or offsets, if laid in single courses, shall each not exceed one and a half inches; or if laid in double courses, then each shall not exceed three inches.
- Cellar of dwellings to have concrete bed, etc.** SECT. 31. The cellar of every dwelling hereafter built on filled or made land, or where the grade or nature of the ground requires, shall be sufficiently protected from water and damp by a bed at least two inches thick over the whole, of concrete, cement, and gravel, tar and gravel, or asphalt, or by bricks laid in cement. The space between any floor and the cellar bottom shall be well ventilated. No cellar or basement floor of any building shall be constructed below the grade of twelve feet above mean low water: *provided, however*, that the board of aldermen may, by license, subject to revocation by them at any time for sufficient reason of public health, authorize cellar or basement floors to be constructed in buildings, no part of which is to be used as a dwelling, so much below said grade as they may designate in such license.
- Grade of cellar.** SECT. 32. All excavations shall be so protected, by sheet piling if necessary, by the persons causing the same to be made, that the adjoining soil shall not cave in by reason of its own weight. It shall
- Protection of excavations.**

be the duty of the owner of every building to furnish, or cause to be furnished, such support that his building shall not be endangered by any excavation: *provided*, that the owner of any building which is endangered by an excavation carried by an adjoining owner more than ten feet below the grade of the street, may recover the expense so caused of supporting such building from the parties causing such excavations to be made. All permanent excavations within the building limits shall be protected by retaining-walls. In case of any failure to comply with the provisions of this section, the inspector may enter upon the premises and may furnish such support as the circumstances may require. Any expense so incurred may be recovered by the city from the parties required by law to furnish support.

Permanent excavations to have retaining-walls.

SECT. 33. All brickwork shall be of merchantable, well-shaped bricks, well laid and bedded, with well-filled joints, in mortar, as required by section nineteen, and well flushed up at every course with mortar. Bricks when laid shall be wet or dry, as the inspector may direct.

Brickwork, how laid, etc.

SECT. 34. All walls of brick, stone, or other similar material shall be well built, properly bonded and tied, and laid with mortar, as required by section nineteen. The inside four inches of any wall may, upon a special permit issued by the inspector, be built of hard burnt, hollow, clay bricks, of quality and dimensions satisfactory to the inspector, and thoroughly tied and bonded into the wall.

Brick walls, etc., how built, bonded, etc.

SECT. 35. Every eighth course, at least, of a brick wall shall be a heading or bonding course, except where walls are faced with face brick, in which case every eighth course shall be bonded with Flemish headers, or by cutting the corners of the face brick and putting in diagonal headers behind the same.

Eighth course of brick wall to be heading course.

SECT. 36. The external and party walls above the foundation of dwelling houses of the first or second class, hereafter built, not over twenty feet wide, or thirty-three feet high, or forty feet deep, shall be not less than eight inches thick. Such walls of dwellings of the first or second class hereafter built thirty-three feet or over, but not over sixty feet high, shall be not less than twelve inches thick. Such walls of such dwellings sixty feet or over, but not over seventy feet high, shall be sixteen inches to the height of the top of the second floor, and twelve inches for the remaining height. Such walls of such dwellings seventy feet or over, but not over eighty feet high, shall be twenty inches to the top of the second floor, sixteen inches to the top of the upper floor and to within fifteen feet of the roof, and twelve inches the remaining height. Such walls of such dwellings of eighty feet or more in height shall have for the upper eighty feet the thickness required for buildings between seventy and eighty feet in height, and every section of twenty-five feet or part thereof below such upper eighty feet shall have a thickness of four inches more than is required for the section next above it.

External or party walls, thickness, etc., in dwelling-houses.

SECT. 37. The external and party walls above the foundation of every building of the first or second class hereafter built, other than dwellings, forty feet or less in height, shall be sixteen inches thick to the top of second floor, and twelve inches for the remaining height. Such walls of such buildings of forty feet or over, but not over sixty feet in height, twenty inches to the top of second floor, sixteen inches the remaining height. Such walls of such buildings of sixty feet or over, but not over eighty feet high, twenty-four inches to the top of the first floor, twenty inches to the top of the upper floor, and to within fifteen feet of the roof, and sixteen inches above. Such walls of such buildings of eighty feet or more in

External or party walls of first and second class buildings not dwellings.

height shall have for the upper eighty feet the thickness required for buildings between seventy and eighty feet in height, and every section of twenty-five feet or part thereof below such upper eighty feet shall have a thickness of four inches more than is required for the section next above it.

Materials of vaulted walls.

SECT. 38. Vaulted walls shall contain, exclusive of withes, the same amount of material as is required for solid walls, and the walls on either side of the air space shall be not less than eight inches thick, and shall be securely tied together with ties not more than two feet apart.

Thickness of walls, how reckoned.

SECT. 39. In reckoning the thickness of walls, no allowance shall be made for ashlar, unless it is eight inches or more thick, in which case the excess over four inches shall be reckoned as part of the thickness of the wall. Ashlar shall be at least four inches thick, and properly held by metal clamps to the backing, or properly bonded to the same.

Thickness of iron or steel walls.

SECT. 40. External walls may be built in part of iron or steel, and when so built may be of less thickness than is above required for external walls, provided such walls meet the requirements of this act as to strength, and provided that all constructional parts are wholly protected from heat by brick or terra cotta or by plastering three-quarters of an inch thick, with iron furring and wiring.

Party walls, etc., in first and second-class buildings.

SECT. 41. In first and second class buildings all party and bearing partition walls above the foundation shall be of brick, and no such party or partition wall shall hereafter be furred with wood, but all such walls shall be plastered on masonry or on metal lathing.

Party walls, etc., covering, etc.

SECT. 42. In buildings hereafter built all party walls and the partition walls required by this act shall be built through, and at least twelve inches above or distant from, the roof boarding at the nearest point; shall be entirely covered with stone or metal securely fastened, and corbelled to the outer edge of all projections: *provided*, that a gutter stone of suitable dimensions and properly balanced may be inserted in place of the corbelling.

Openings or recesses in external walls.

SECT. 43. When openings or recesses, or both, occur in an external wall, or when buttresses are used, the piers shall be of sufficient strength to comply with the clauses of this act prescribing strength of materials, and not less in thickness than is above specified, and no other portion of the wall shall be less than twelve inches thick in buildings under seventy feet in height, or less than sixteen inches thick in buildings seventy feet or over in height.

Construction of recesses, etc.

SECT. 44. No recess, chase, or flue shall be made in any party wall so deep that it will leave the thickness at the back less than eight inches at any point, and no recess, chase, or flue not vertical shall be made without the special permit of the inspector. No vertical recess, other than flues, in stacks, shall be nearer than seven feet to any other recess, unless by special permit of the inspector.

Floor bearing supports of first and second class buildings.

SECT. 45. First and second class buildings hereafter built shall have floor-bearing supports not over thirty feet apart. These supports may be brick walls, trusses, or columns and girders. Such brick walls may be four inches less in thickness than is required by this act for external and party walls of the same height, provided they comply with the provisions of this act as to the strength of materials, but in no case less than twelve inches thick. When trusses are used, the walls upon which they rest shall be at least four inches thicker than is otherwise required by sections thirty-six and thirty-seven, for every addition of twenty-five feet or part thereof to the length of the truss over thirty feet.

SECT. 46. Second-class buildings hereafter built shall be so divided by brick partition-walls of the thickness prescribed for bearing partition-walls, and carried twelve inches above the roof, that no space inside any such building shall exceed in area ten thousand square feet, and no existing wall in any second-class building shall be removed so as to leave an area not so enclosed, of more than ten thousand square feet.

Partition walls and areas in second class buildings.

SECT. 47. All walls of a first or second class building meeting at an angle shall be united every ten feet of their height, by anchors made of at least two inches by half an inch wrought iron securely built into the side or partition walls not less than thirty-six inches, and into the front and rear walls at least one-half the thickness of such walls.

Walls of first and second class buildings to be anchored.

SECT. 48. Openings or doorways in party walls or in partition walls required by this act shall not exceed two in number for each floor, and the combined area of such openings on each floor shall not exceed one hundred square feet. Each opening must be provided with two sets of metal-covered doors separated by the thickness of wall, hung to rabbeted iron frames, or to iron hinges in brick or iron rabbets: *provided*, that this section shall not apply to theatres.

Openings, etc., in party walls, etc.

SECT. 49. Every column shall rest upon a cap or plate sufficient to properly distribute the load. Columns set one above another shall have proper connections. All bearing parts of columns or plates shall be turned or planed to true surfaces. The inspector may require columns to be drilled for inspection.

Columns to rest upon caps, etc.

SECT. 50. Piers and walls shall have caps or plates, where needed, sufficient to properly distribute the load.

Piers, etc., to have caps.

SECT. 51. All weight-bearing metal in first and second class buildings hereafter built shall be protected by brick, terra cotta, or plastering on metal laths and furring, or other incombustible material approved by the board of appeal.

Protection of weight-bearing metal.

SECT. 52. Upright supports in first and second class buildings hereafter erected or altered, of other material than brick below the first floor, shall be protected by a jacket of brick or terra cotta at least four inches thick, or by a coating of plaster one inch thick on wire or metal lathing, or other substantial fireproof material.

Upright supports, how protected.

SECT. 53. Partitions supporting floors or roofs shall rest upon girders, trusses, or walls.

Partitions.

SECT. 54. Where a wall is finished with a stone cornice, the greatest weight of material of such cornice shall be on the inside of the face of the wall. All cornices hereafter built or replaced shall be of brick or other incombustible material, and the walls shall be carried up to the boarding of the roof; and where the cornice projects above the roof the masonry shall be carried up to the top of the cornice and covered with metal, like parapet walls.

Cornices.

SECT. 55. All new or renewed floors shall be so constructed as to carry safely the weight to which the proposed use of the building will subject them; but the least capacity per superficial square foot, exclusive of materials, shall be: For floors of dwellings, seventy pounds. For office floors, one hundred pounds. For floors of public buildings, one hundred and fifty pounds. For floors of warehouses, stores, storehouses, and mercantile buildings of like character, factories, drill-rooms, and riding-schools, two hundred and fifty pounds.

Construction and capacity of new floors, etc.

SECT. 56. In every building hereafter built or altered, there shall be posted and maintained in every room used for mechanical or mercantile purposes the inspector's certificate of the weight-bearing

Inspector's certificate to be posted, etc.

- capacity of the floor. No part of any floor of such room shall be loaded beyond its capacity as certified.
- Roof and floor timbers.**     **SECT. 57.** All roof or floor timbers entering the same party wall from opposite sides shall have at least four inches solid brickwork between the ends of said timbers.
- Floor and roof beams.**     **SECT. 58.** The ends of all wooden floor or roof beams in first and second class buildings shall enter the wall to a depth of at least four inches, unless the wall is properly corbelled so as to give a bearing of at least four inches, and the ends of all such beams shall be so shaped or arranged that in case of fire they may fall without injury to the wall.
- Floor beams to be anchored to each other, etc.**     **SECT. 59.** Each floor in first or second class buildings shall have its beams so tied to the walls and to each other with wrought-iron straps or anchors at least three-eighths of an inch thick by one and one-half inch wide as to form continuous ties across the building not more than ten feet apart. Walls running parallel or nearly parallel with floor beams shall be properly tied once in ten feet to the floor beams by iron straps or anchors of the size above specified.
- Wooden headers and trimmers.**     **SECT. 60.** Every wooden header or trimmer more than four feet long, carrying a floor load of over seventy pounds per square foot, shall, at connections with other beams, be hung in stirrup irons and joint bolted. All tail beams, and similar beams of wood, shall be framed or hung in stirrup irons. All iron beams shall have proper connections.
- Cutting for piping, etc.**     **SECT. 61.** Cutting for piping or other purposes shall not be done so as to reduce the strength of the supporting parts below that required by the provisions of this act.
- Distance of timbers, etc., from chimney.**     **SECT. 62.** No part of any floor timber shall be within two inches of any chimney. No studding or furring shall be within one inch of any chimney.
- Fire stops, air ducts, etc., in second-class buildings.**     **SECT. 63.** Every second-class building hereafter built, except as hereinafter provided, shall have a sufficient fire stop at each floor, covering the whole floor of each story through all stud partitions, and extending to the masonry walls. Every air-duct, except those expressly sanctioned by this act, shall be effectually stopped at each story. Every such fire stop shall consist of a solid, air-tight, cohesive layer, at least one inch thick, of tile, brick, terra cotta, or like fire-made material, plaster, cement, cinder, or ashes, or of a combination of the same, or of equally non-inflammable, non-heat-conducting materials laid between the upper and under floors, or occupying all the space between the timbers under the under floor: *provided*, that all second-class buildings hereafter erected, of forty-five feet or more in height, which are used above the first floor as storage stores, warehouses, or stores for the storage and sale of merchandise, shall have a tight splined or tongued and grooved under-floor of at least two-inch plank, with an upper floor one inch thick, matched and breaking joints, and in such buildings fire stops need not be used. The foot of each partition, and of each tier of studding or furring, shall be filled solid between the uprights to the full width thereof, and to the height of six inches above the floor, with the same incombustibles as above prescribed for fire stops, or some combination thereof. The spaces between such parts of floor joists as rest upon partition heads shall be filled with the materials above required. The spaces between stringers of staircases and joists of landings, unless unceiled, shall be so stopped with some of the incombustibles above mentioned, at three places at least in every flight of stairs, as to prevent the passage of air.

SECT. 64. No part of the roof of any first or second class building hereafter built over sixty feet high, to be used for mercantile, manufacturing, or storage purposes, or as a theatre, hotel, apartment house, or office building, shall have a pitch of over twenty degrees. All new or renewed roofs shall be so constructed as to bear safely, in addition to the weight of the material, twenty-five pounds per superficial foot of area covered with proper additional allowance for a horizontal wind-pressure of thirty pounds per square foot. All thin glass skylights upon roofs shall be covered by a wire netting when in the opinion of the inspector such protection is needed. Roofs of first and second class buildings. Skylights.

SECT. 65. The roof of every second-class building hereafter built shall be covered with tin, iron, slate, gravel, composition, or like substantial roofing-material not readily inflammable; if such roof comprises more than one story, or is over twenty feet in height in any part from the nearest floor, such roof shall be of the construction required for first-class buildings. Roofs of second-class buildings, how covered.

SECT. 66. All buildings over forty-five feet high shall have suitable water-tight metallic leaders, and all buildings shall have leaders sufficient to carry all the water to the street, gutter, or sewer in such a manner as not to flow upon the sidewalk, or to cause dampness on any wall, yard, or area. Water-tight metallic leaders.

SECT. 67. No staging or stand for observation purposes shall be constructed or occupied upon the roof of any building in said city. Observation stands.

SECT. 68. No chimney shall be corbelled from a wall more than the thickness of the wall, nor be hung from a wall less than twelve inches thick, nor rest upon wood. All chimneys shall be built of brick, stone, or other incombustible material. Brick chimneys shall have walls at least eight inches thick, unless terra-cotta flue linings are used, in which case four inches of brickwork may be omitted. Other chimneys shall have walls at least eight inches thick, and shall have in addition a lining of four inches of brickwork, or a terra-cotta flue lining. The inside of all brick flues shall have struck joints. No wood furring shall be used against or around any chimney, but the plastering shall be directly on the masonry or on metal lathing. All chimneys shall be topped out at least four feet above the highest point of contact with the roof. No nail shall be driven into the masonry of any chimney. Construction of chimneys.

SECT. 69. Flues of ranges and boilers, and other similar flues, shall have the outside exposed to the height of the ceiling, or be plastered directly upon the bricks. Flues.

SECT. 70. All hearths shall be supported by trimmer arches of brick or stone, or be of single stones at least six inches thick, built into the chimney and supported by iron beams, one end of which shall be securely built into the masonry of a chimney or an adjoining wall, or which shall otherwise rest upon incombustible support. The brick jambs of every fireplace, range, or grate-opening shall be at least eight inches wide each, and the backs of such openings shall be at least eight inches thick. All hearths and trimmer arches shall be at least twelve inches longer on either side than the width of such openings, and at least eighteen inches wide in front of the chimney breast. Brickwork over fireplaces and grate-openings shall be supported by proper iron bars, or brick or stone arches. Hearths, fireplaces, etc.

SECT. 71. Every chimney flue in which soft coal or wood is burned shall be carried to a height sufficient to protect neighboring buildings from fire and smoke. Chimney flues.

SECT. 72. No smoke pipe shall project through any external wall or window. No smoke pipe shall pass through any wooden partition, without a soapstone ring of the thickness of the partition, Smoke pipes.



Tops of heating-furnaces.

Hot-air register boxes and pipes.

Protection of pipes near woodwork.

Location and protection of boilers.

Ranges, etc., to be examined.

Materials of exterior of second-class building.

Outside openings, protection of, by fire-resisting material.

and extending four inches from the pipe, or a double metal collar of the thickness of the partition, with a ventilated air-space of not less than four inches around the pipe; nor shall be placed within eight inches of any wood, unless such wood is plastered and protected by a metal shield two inches distant from the wood, in which case the smoke pipe shall be not less than six inches from the wood. The tops of all heating-furnaces set in brick shall be covered with brick, supported by iron bars, and so constructed as to be perfectly tight; said covering to be in addition to and not less than six inches from the ordinary covering of the hot-air chamber. The tops of all heating-furnaces not set in brick shall be at least eight inches below the nearest wooden beams or ceiling, with a shield of tin plate made tight, suspended not less than two inches below such beams or ceiling, and extending one foot beyond the top of the furnace on all sides. All hot air register boxes hereafter placed in the floors or partitions of buildings shall be set in soapstone or equally incombustible borders not less than two inches in width, and shall be made of tin plate, and have double pipes and boxes properly fitted to the soapstone. Hot-air pipes and register boxes shall be at least one inch from any woodwork, and register boxes fifteen inches by twenty-five inches, or larger, and their connecting pipes shall be two inches from any woodwork. The requirements of this section may be modified or dispensed with by the inspector, in first-class buildings.

SECT. 73. No woodwork shall be placed within one inch of any metal pipe to be used to convey heated air or steam, unless such pipe is protected by a soapstone or earthen ring or tube, or a metal casing.

SECT. 74. No boiler to be used for steam or motive power, and no furnace, shall be placed on any floor above the cellar floor, unless the same is set on non-combustible beams and arches, and in no case without a permit from the inspector. Every steam boiler in a building to be used for office, mercantile, or manufacturing purposes, or to be used as a lodging or tenement house, shall be enclosed in a fireproof room of brick, terra cotta, stone, iron, or other similar incombustible material, with openings closed by metal-covered doors, hung to rabbeted iron frames, or to iron hinges in brick or iron rabbets. No range, stove, oven, or boiler shall be used for cooking in a hotel or restaurant, or for manufacturing purposes, until the same has been examined and approved by the inspector.

SECT. 75. In every second-class building hereafter erected, all exterior parts more than forty-five feet above the sidewalk, except window-frame sashes and blinds, shall be made of metal, stone, brick, or other equally incombustible material.

SECT. 76. Outside openings of the classes hereinafter specified, in any first or second class building of more than one story in height, hereafter built or altered, and containing above the first story any room of over six hundred feet area, used for any purpose except domestic cooking, of greater fire-risk than offices, counting-rooms, and dwelling-rooms, shall be protected by shutters. Such shutters shall be covered on both sides with tin or made of other substantial fire-resisting material, and hung on the outside if practicable, and otherwise on the inside, either upon independent iron frames, or upon iron hinges rabbeted to the masonry, and made to be handled from the outside. The above requirement shall apply to any opening in any such building, which opening is above and within thirty feet of the roof of another building, or within thirty feet of another opening in an opposite wall, or in a wall the outside face of which diverges at

an angle of less than one hundred and thirty-five degrees from the outside face of the wall in which the opening is, and leaves an open space between the openings and outside of the walls.

SECT. 77. Elevators or hoists for freight which do not pass the ceiling of the first story may be constructed without fireproof enclosures above the basement. In existing buildings or in buildings hereafter erected in compliance with this act, freight and passenger elevators without fireproof enclosures may be placed in areas or hallways which are continuous and unbroken, no part being separated from another part by an intervening floor: *provided*, that no additional draft of air is thereby created. In such buildings such elevators may pass through the first floor of any area or hallway: *provided*, a fireproof enclosure be carried up to the first floor. Except as above provided, all shafts hereafter built for elevators, hoists, dumb-waiters, lifts, light and ventilating shafts, or other air-ducts, shall be constructed of, and, if they do not pass the upper floor, their tops shall be covered with, some substantial material not inflammable. All such shafts which pass the top floor shall be carried at least eighteen inches above the roof and be covered with a skylight. Such shafts already constructed, except lifts twenty-eight inches square or of less area, and except in dwelling-houses to be occupied by not more than one family, shall be lined with tin or plastered on wire lathing, or otherwise rendered non-inflammable on the inside. Such shafts hereafter built for freight and passenger elevators shall be of brick at least eight inches thick, or of metal covered on both sides with at least one inch of plaster applied immediately to the metal, or with some other equally substantial non-inflammable, non-conducting material. Every entrance-opening in a shaft or hoistway within two and one-half feet above the floor shall be protected by sufficient rails, gates, trapdoors, or such other device as shall be equivalent thereto. Every elevator shall be provided with some sufficient arrangement to prevent the falling of the car in case of accident. Overhead elevator machinery shall have underneath it a grille sufficient to protect the car from falling material. Every opening into an elevator shaft or hoistway, and every opening through a floor other than a stairway, shall be closed when not in use. All inside elevator shaft-openings, other than openings in passenger elevator-shafts, shall be furnished with metal-covered doors hung to rabbeted iron frames, and shall have iron thresholds, and said doors shall be kept closed when not in use. Outside windows or openings of every elevator-shaft shall have three vertical iron bars painted red, equally dividing the opening. Every part of any elevator not enclosed in a shaft shall be protected by a wire grille.

Freight elevators or hoists not passing above first floor, constr. of.

Elevator shafts, etc., covering of tops, lining, etc

Entrance-openings of shafts.

Inside-shaft-openings to have metal-covered doors, etc.

SECT. 78. No elevator shall be used in any building until after written approval by the inspector.

Elevator to be approved before use.

SECT. 79. In case any freight or passenger elevator is not constructed and furnished in compliance with this act, or has become unsafe, the inspector shall post a conspicuous warning and prohibition at each entrance to such elevator. It shall thereafter, until a new written permit is given by the inspector, be a penal offence hereunder to operate said elevator, or remove or deface said notice. No freight or passenger elevator shall be operated for more than six months after the date of the inspector's permit, unless a certificate signed by some elevator builder that the elevator is safe and in good order has been furnished within six months, and is posted in the car or at the entrance.

Unsafe elevators, etc., inspector to prohibit use of.

SECT. 80. All buildings over twenty feet high shall have perma-

Access to roof.

- ment means of access to the roof from the inside. The opening shall be not less than eighteen inches by thirty inches.
- Egress in case of fire.** SECT. 81. Every building hereafter built, and every building occupied by more than one family, shall have, with reference to its height, condition, construction, surroundings, character of occupation, and number of occupants, one or more safe means of egress in case of fire.
- Ways of egress in school-house, etc.** SECT. 82. Every schoolhouse two stories or more high, every church, theatre, public building, hall, place of assembly or resort, every building occupied above the second story by two or more families, or as a tenement, boarding or lodging house, or as a factory or workshop, where ten or more persons are employed, shall have at least two independent ways of egress, each accessible from each apartment, and one of which shall be enclosed in brick walls, shall have no interior openings other than the doors of the apartments from which it is an exit, and shall be provided with a ventilating skylight which can be operated from the lower hall. All ways of egress from every building shall be kept in good repair. No obstruction shall be placed upon any way of egress from any building. The inspector may permit stairways built for the purpose of complying with this section to project over public ways.
- Projection of stairway over public way. Owner, etc., may have certificate that building has safe ways of egress.** SECT. 83. Any owner or lessee responsible for the condition of a building shall be entitled to a certificate, or if the original has been issued, an exhibition of the duplicate thereof on the inspector's records, to the effect that his building is provided with safe means of egress, if and whenever such is the case in the inspector's opinion. Any tenant of or person employed in any private building, and, in the case of any public building or public school, any citizen of Boston, shall be entitled to an exhibition of the inspector's record, and if no certificate has been issued may apply to have a certificate or order issued.
- Storage of explosive compounds, etc., under stairways, etc., prohibited.** SECT. 84. No explosive or inflammable compound or combustible material shall be stored or placed under any stairway of any building, or used in any such place or manner as to obstruct or render egress hazardous in case of fire.
- Fire-escape platforms, etc., capacity.** SECT. 85. The platforms, landings, and stairway steps of every fire escape shall be strong enough to carry a load of seventy pounds to the square foot in addition to the weight of material.
- Projection of bay-windows, etc., over public ways, etc.** SECT. 86. Except as provided in section eighty-two, no bay window or other structure shall be placed upon any building so as to project over any public way or square, without the permission of the board of aldermen given after due notice and hearing, and then only in such manner as shall be approved by the inspector.
- Dangerous structures, duties of inspector concerning.** SECT. 87. Every structure and part thereof, and appurtenance thereto, within the city of Boston, shall be so constructed and maintained in such repair as not to be dangerous, and the owner of any premises within said city, upon notice from the inspector that such premises are dangerous, shall forthwith remedy the cause of danger by removal or repair. In case public safety requires immediate action, the inspector may forthwith, by repair or temporary protection, prevent danger; or may, subject to appeal as provided for in section thirteen, remove the dangerous structure; and his reasonable and necessary expenses may be recovered by the city of Boston of the owner.
- Unsafe buildings to be vacated upon order of inspector, etc.** SECT. 88. Any building which, by defect, accident, decay, or overloading, is unsafe shall be vacated forthwith if, and when, the inspector shall so order, notwithstanding an appeal from such order be pending. The inspector shall affix and maintain on the

exterior of every such building a conspicuous notice of its character. The removing or rendering illegible of such notice shall be a penal offence hereunder.

SECT. 89. In case of any change, alteration, or addition not in the nature of ordinary repairs, renewals, or restorations being required under the terms of this act upon a building wholly or partly under lease containing no provision for such a case, the owner shall pay the expense, and may collect of the lessee an additional rent for the portion so leased equal to eight per cent. per annum on that proportion of the sum paid which the leased portion bears to the whole building.

Payment for repairs, etc., required under this act.

SECT. 90. Every building hereafter so built or altered as to contain an audience or assembly hall capable of holding eight hundred persons or more, and every theatre hereafter built, shall be a first-class building. In all theatres hereafter erected, the level of the stage above the street level shall not exceed five feet. The audience hall and each compartment, division, and gallery of every such building shall respectively have at least two independent exits, as far apart as may be. Every such exit shall have a width of at least twenty inches for every hundred persons which the hall, compartment, division, or gallery from which it leads is capable of containing: *provided*, that two or more exits of the same aggregate width may be substituted for either of the two exits above required. None of the exits above required shall be less than five feet wide.

Buildings containing audience hall to be first-class buildings.

Exits in such buildings, number and width.

SECT. 91. Every building of the classes referred to by section ninety hereafter built shall have a frontage as wide as the widest part of the auditorium or assembly hall, including side passages or lobbies, the whole width and height of which frontage shall be upon a street, court, passageway, or area open to the sky, and at least thirty feet wide opposite the entire frontage. Such court, passageway, or area shall have an unobstructed way at least thirty feet wide, either through a first-class building without openings into any second or third class building, or wholly open to the sky, connecting it with a public street at least thirty feet wide. There shall be at least one exit on this front which shall be in no case less than five feet in width, and of such greater width as an allowance of twenty inches for each one hundred persons which the building may at any time contain will in the aggregate require. There shall be another independent exit of the same capacity, or independent exits of the same aggregate capacity, either through a first-class building without openings into any second or third class building, or through a passageway open to the sky. All doors shall open outward, and shall not be so placed as to reduce the width of the passage above required. All aisles, stairways, and passages in such buildings shall be of even or increasing width toward the exit, at least seven feet high throughout, without obstruction below that height, properly arranged for the easy egress of the audience, and of a width, in respect of each division, gallery, or compartment, computed according to the above rule. No aisle or passage in such buildings rising toward its exit, except stairways from story to story and necessary steps in galleries and balconies, shall have a gradient within the auditorium of more than two in ten, nor elsewhere of more than one in ten.

Frontage of such buildings.

Courts, passageways, etc.

Exits.

Doors to open outward.

Rise of aisles and passageways.

SECT. 92. In buildings of the classes referred to in section ninety hereafter built, the cut of the stair stringers shall not exceed seven and one-half inches rise, nor be less than ten and one-half inches tread. No winders shall be less than seven inches wide at the narrowest part. There shall be no flights of more than fifteen or less than three steps between landings. Every landing shall be at least four feet wide from step to step.

Stringers, winders, and landings.

Stairs, etc., to have hand-rails.

SECT. 93. All stairs and landings of all buildings of the classes referred to by section ninety hereafter built shall have throughout proper hand-rails on both sides firmly secured to walls, or to strong posts and balusters. Stairways twelve feet or more wide shall have one or more intermediate rails not more than eight feet apart and properly supported.

Boilers, etc., not to be located under auditorium, etc.

SECT. 94. No boiler, furnace, engine, or heating-apparatus, except steam or hot-air pipes and radiators, shall be located under the auditorium nor under any passage or stairway of any exit of any building of the classes referred to by section ninety.

Independent sets of lights to be maintained.

SECT. 95. The lights for the rear of the auditorium, and for all passages and stairways of exits of every building of the classes referred to by section ninety hereafter built, shall be independent of the lights of the rest of the auditorium and of the platform or stage, and shall be so arranged that they cannot be turned down or off from the platform or stage.

Opening of exits and printing plans of.

SECT. 96. All exits from every building of the classes referred to by section ninety shall be opened for the use of every departing audience, and shall have fastenings on the inside only. Plans showing the exits and stairways shall be printed on every programme or playbill.

Seats, etc., in passageways.

SECT. 97. No temporary seats or other obstructions shall be allowed in any aisle, passageway, or stairway of a building of the classes referred to by section ninety, and no person shall be allowed to remain in any aisle, passageway, or stairway of any such building during any performance.

Stage to have intercepting brick wall.

SECT. 98. The stage of every theatre hereafter built shall be separated from the auditorium by a brick wall sixteen inches thick, which wall shall extend the entire width and height of the building, and two feet six inches above the roof, like a party wall. There shall be no openings through this wall except the curtain-opening, and not more than two others which shall be located at or below the level of the stage; these latter openings shall not exceed twenty-one superficial feet each, and shall have tinned wood self-closing doors, securely hung to rabbeted iron frames or rabbets in the brickwork. The finish or decorative features around the curtain-opening of every theatre shall be of incombustible materials, well secured to masonry. All scenery, curtains, and woodwork of the stage of every theatre shall be thoroughly covered, and, if practicable, saturated with fire-resisting material. No fixed portion of the stage shall be of wood.

Curtain openings, etc., of stage.

Lobbies to have separating brick wall.

SECT. 99. There shall be lobbies adjoining each division of the auditorium of every theatre hereafter built, separated therefrom by a partition of brick or other equally incombustible material, and sufficiently large to furnish standing-room for all persons that such division may at any time contain. There shall be no openings in such partition except such as are required by section ninety, and such openings shall not be more than eight feet high.

Proscenium or curtain-opening, protection of.

SECT. 100. The proscenium or curtain-opening of every theatre shall have a fire-resisting curtain of incombustible material, reinforced by wire netting, or otherwise strengthened. If of iron or similar heavy material, and made to lower from the top, it shall be so contrived as to be stopped securely at a height of seven feet above the stage floor; the remaining opening being closed by a curtain or valance of fire-resisting fabric. Such curtain shall be raised at the beginning and lowered at the end of each and every performance, and shall be of proper material, construction, and mechanism.

Scene docks, etc., separation of, from stage, etc.

SECT. 101. All scene docks, carpenter or property shops, and wardrobes of every theatre hereafter built shall be separated from the stage, auditorium, and dressing-room divisions by solid brick walls

not less than twelve inches thick, with no openings to the auditorium or dressing-room divisions; and all openings to the stage shall have tinned wood self-closing doors, securely hung to rabbets in the brickwork.

SECT. 102. All rooms in theatres for the use of persons employed therein shall have at least two independent exits. All stage gaslights shall be protected by proper nettings. Exits from theatre rooms, etc.

SECT. 103. There shall be one or more ventilators near the centre and above the highest portion of the stage of every theatre, equal in combined area of opening to one-tenth of the area of stage floor. Every such ventilator shall have a valve or louver so counterbalanced as to open automatically, and shall be kept closed, when not in use, by a cord reaching to the prompter's desk, and readily operated therefrom. Such cord shall be of combustible material, and so arranged that if it is severed the ventilator will open automatically. Ventilators over stage.

SECT. 104. There shall be at least two two-inch high-service standpipes on the stage of every theatre, with ample provision of hose and nozzles at each level of the stage on each side, and the water shall be kept turned on during the occupation of the building by any audience. The said pipes shall have two gates, one above the other, with a proper test or waste valve; the lower gate to be kept open at all times. The proscenium-opening of every theatre shall be provided with a two and one-half inch perforated iron pipe or equivalent equipment of automatic or open sprinklers, as the inspector may direct, so constructed as to form when in operation a complete water-curtain for the entire proscenium-opening, and there shall be for the rest of the stage a complete system of fire apparatus and perforated iron pipes, automatic or open sprinklers. Said pipes or sprinklers shall be supplied with water by high-pressure service, and be at all times ready for use. High-service standpipes on stage. Automatic sprinklers.

SECT. 105. Every hall, auditorium, or room of every building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a schoolhouse, factory, theatre, or place of public assembly or entertainment shall have in continuous operation while occupied a system of ventilation so contrived as to provide fifty cubic feet per minute of outer air for each light other than an electric light for each occupant. Ventilation of halls, auditoriums, etc.

SECT. 106. Every building in the city of Boston hereafter built, any portion of which is to be occupied above the second story by more than one family, shall be a first or second class building, and every building hereafter erected or enlarged, to be occupied as a lodging-house, a tenement-house or dwelling-house, of five stories or more in height, shall have the basement and first story constructed in the manner provided for a first-class building in section twenty-three of this act, and in such buildings no closet shall be constructed underneath the first-story staircase. Buildings occupied above second story to be first or second class buildings, etc.

SECT. 107. The exterior walls of every building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement or lodging house, and not having an exposure on an open space, street, court, or passageway more than twenty feet in width, shall not exceed thirty feet in height. Exterior walls of tenement-houses, etc., height of.

SECT. 108. No building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement or lodging house, and no building hereafter enlarged for said purposes, shall occupy above the level of the second floor more than three-fourths of the area of the lot, measured to the middle line of the street or streets or passageways on which it abuts. Every such building shall have, on at least two exposures on land of the owner or as part of public ways, open spaces of at least ten feet in width, which spaces shall have an aggregate length of one foot for every twenty-five square feet of superficial area actually Area of tenement-house, etc., above second floor. Open spaces in tenement-houses, etc.

occupied by the building. Such spaces shall be open to the sky, and shall remain undiminished so long as the building is occupied as a tenement or lodging house.

Ventilation of sleeping-rooms in tenement-houses, etc.

SECT. 109. Every existing tenement or lodging house shall have in every sleeping-room, not communicating directly with the external air, two ventilating or transom windows of not less than six square feet area each, one opening into another room or passage having an external window of not less than six square feet area, with movable sashes. No transom window shall be placed in a partition wall enclosing a main stairway.

Dimensions of rooms in tenement-houses, etc.

SECT. 110. Every room in every tenement or lodging house hereafter built, and in every building hereafter altered to be used as such, shall be not less than eight feet in height in the clear in every story, except that in the attic it may be less than eight feet high for one-half the area of the room. Every such room shall have one or more windows on an open-air space with an area at least one-tenth as great as that of the room. The top of at least one window on such air-space in each room shall be at least seven feet six inches from the floor, and the upper sash of the same window shall be movable.

Buildings used for storage, etc., of combustible substances not to be occupied as dwellings, etc.

SECT. 111. No building of which any part is used for storage or sale of hay, straw, hemp, flax, shavings, burning fluid, turpentine, camphene, or any inflammable oil or other highly combustible substance, shall be occupied in any part as a dwelling, tenement or lodging house, except that rooms for coachmen or grooms may be allowed in private stables authorized by this act, upon special permit from the inspector.

Receptacles for ashes, etc., construction and deposit of.

SECT. 112. All receptacles for ashes, waste, and other substances, liable, by spontaneous combustion or otherwise, to cause a fire, shall be made of incombustible material satisfactory to the inspector. Every building used as a tenement or lodging house shall have outside and appurtenant to it a suitable space satisfactory to the inspector for the temporary deposit of garbage and other refuse matter.

Night watchmen in tenement and lodging houses.

SECT. 113. Every lodging-house containing over fifty rooms above the first floor, and every tenement-house containing more than fifty sleeping-rooms above the first floor, shall have at least one night watchman exclusively so employed on duty every night from nine o'clock at night until six o'clock in the morning; and every lodging-house of the second or third class containing more than one hundred rooms above the first floor, and every tenement-house containing more than one hundred sleeping-rooms above the first floor, shall have at least two night watchmen exclusively so employed on duty every night from nine o'clock at night until six o'clock in the morning. But in the latter class of lodging and tenement houses, a proper system of thermostats, or automatic fire-alarms, approved in writing by the inspector, may be substituted for one of the watchmen. In all lodging or tenement houses of either of the above classes a red light shall be kept burning at night at the head and foot of every flight of stairs, and one or more gongs shall be so placed, and be of such size and number, as to give the alarm throughout the house in case of fire; and in every sleeping-room there shall be conspicuously posted directions for escape in case of fire. The inspector may make such other or further requirements for prevention of and escape from fire as may be reasonably necessary under the conditions of each case. Any innholder who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall thereby forfeit his license.

Substitution of thermostats, when.

Lights, gongs, etc.

Water closets, etc., in dwelling and tenement houses, etc.

SECT. 114. Every dwelling, tenement or lodging house, every school-house, and every building where operatives are employed shall have at least one water-closet or privy, and at least one water-

closet or privy for every twenty persons therein living, attending, or employed; and in buildings where operatives of both sexes are employed, separate accommodations shall be furnished for men and women. Privies or cesspools shall not be allowed where a sewer makes water-closets practicable. Every water-closet in every building hereafter erected for, or converted to, use as a tenement house, family hotel, or apartment house shall have a window on the open air.

SECT. 115. No building, any part of which is within the limits or within forty feet of the property of any adjoining owner, shall be erected for or converted to use as a stable, without the consent of the mayor and aldermen after public hearing had, after written notice to the adjoining owners, and after public notice published at least three times, and at least ten days before the hearing, in at least two newspapers published in Boston.

Stables,  
erection of, etc.

SECT. 116. No grain elevator, or building for the storing or manufacture of high combustibles or explosives, or for chemical or rendering works, shall be erected, and no engine, dynamo, boiler, or furnace, except exclusively for the heating of, or to raise elevators in, the building in which it is, shall be placed in any building without a permit issued under the provisions of the following sections.

Permit required  
for erection of  
grain elevator,  
etc., placing of  
engines,  
dynamos, etc.

SECT. 117. Every application for a permit required by section one hundred and sixteen shall be filed with the inspector in writing, and shall set forth the location and character of the building, the size, power, and purpose of the apparatus, with such further information as the inspector may require.

Application for  
permit, how  
made.

SECT. 118. Every such application shall be published in at least two daily papers published in Boston, and at least three days in each; and the applicant shall also, if so directed by the inspector, conspicuously post on the premises a copy of an application, and deliver copies thereof to such persons as the inspector may direct, and shall file an affidavit with the inspector that the notice required has been duly given. If no objection is filed with the inspector before the expiration of ten days from the time of the first publication of notice, or within ten days of the delivery and first posting of notice if required, the inspector shall, if the arrangement, location, and construction of the proposed apparatus is proper, and in accordance with the terms of this act, issue a permit for the same. But if such objection is filed, the application shall be referred to the board of appeal, the chairman of the board of health, and the chairman of the board of fire commissioners, together sitting as a commission, or such members of said boards respectively as, in case of the absence or disability of the chairman, the standing members of the board of appeal, or their duly appointed substitutes, shall in each case appoint. The two members of said commission sitting with the board of appeal shall receive the same compensation as the members of that board.

Publication and  
posting of  
application.

Objections to  
applications,  
proceedings  
upon.

SECT. 119. Said commission shall in each case cause due notice to be given to all parties of the time and place of hearing, and after hearing the parties shall authorize the inspector to issue a permit, under such conditions as may be prescribed by said commission, or to withhold the same. If the permit is refused, the applicant, and if it is granted, the objectors, shall pay such costs as the commission may determine.

Hearing upon  
objections.

SECT. 120. No person shall carry on the business of plumbing unless he is a plumber and shall have first registered his name and place of business in the office of the inspector of buildings; and notice of any change in the place of business of a registered plumber shall be immediately given to said inspector.

Plumbers to  
register in office  
of inspector.



**Plumbers to file notice of intended work.** SECT. 121. Every plumber, before doing any work in a building, shall, except in the case of the repair of leaks, file at the office of the said inspector, upon blanks for that purpose, a notice of the work to be performed; and no such work shall be done in any building without the approval of said inspector.

**Plumbing, connection of, with sewer, etc.** SECT. 122. The plumbing of every building shall be separately and independently connected with the public sewer, when such sewer is provided, or with a proper and sufficient drain connected thereto outside of the building; and if a sewer is not accessible, with a proper cesspool.

**Pipes, etc., not to be covered until approved.** SECT. 123. Pipes and other fixtures shall not be covered or concealed from view until approved by the inspector, who shall examine the same within two working-days after notice that they are ready for inspection.

**Plumbing work not to be used before testing.** SECT. 124. Plumbing work shall not be used unless the same has first been tested in the presence of the inspector with the water test, or if that is not practicable, with the peppermint or other reliable test, and approved by him in writing.

**Drain and ventilating pipes, size and weight of.** SECT. 125. Drain and connecting ventilating pipes shall be of sufficient size, and made of cast iron within the building, and for a distance of at least ten feet outside, except that lead pipes may be used for short connections exposed to view. Such pipes shall be of uniform thickness throughout, and shall have an average weight not less than that below specified, viz.:

|              |           |                      |
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| 2-inch pipe  | . . . . . | 5½ pounds per foot.  |
| 3-inch pipe  | . . . . . | 9½ pounds per foot.  |
| 4-inch pipe  | . . . . . | 13 pounds per foot.  |
| 5-inch pipe  | . . . . . | 17 pounds per foot.  |
| 6-inch pipe  | . . . . . | 20 pounds per foot.  |
| 8-inch pipe  | . . . . . | 33½ pounds per foot. |
| 10-inch pipe | . . . . . | 45 pounds per foot.  |
| 12-inch pipe | . . . . . | 54 pounds per foot.  |

**Drain-pipes, laying and connections of.** Drain-pipes shall be properly secured by irons to walls, laid in trenches to uniform grade, or suspended to floor timbers by strong iron hangers. Every drain-pipe shall be supplied with a suitable trap, placed with an accessible clean-out, at or near the point where it leaves the building, and shall have a proper fall. Drain-pipes shall be carried above the roof open and undiminished in size, and to a sufficient height not less than two feet above the roof, and not less than five feet above the top of any window within fifteen feet. Changes in direction shall be made with curved pipes, and all connections with horizontal or vertical pipes shall be made with Y branches. All drain-pipes shall be exposed to sight where practicable within the building, and shall not be exposed to pressure where they pass through walls. Every part of every drain-pipe below a cellar floor shall be laid in a brick trench with a concrete base, and shall be accessible through sufficient unattached covers.

**Traps for rain-water leaders.** SECT. 126. Rain-water leaders when connected with soil or drain-pipes shall be suitably trapped.

**Iron pipes to be tested.** SECT. 127. Iron pipes used in plumbing shall, before being put in place, be first tested by the water or kerosene test, and then coated inside and out with coal-tar pitch, applied hot, or with paint, or with some equivalent substance. Joints shall be run full with molten lead, and thoroughly calked and made tight. Connections of lead pipes with iron pipes shall be made with brass ferrules, properly soldered and calked to the iron.

**Joints and connections.**

SECT. 128. The waste-pipe of each and every sink, basin, bath-tub, water-closet, slop-hopper, and of each set of trays or other fixtures, shall be furnished with a separate trap, which shall be placed as near as practicable to the fixture that it serves. Traps shall be protected from siphonage or air pressure by special cast-iron air-pipes of a size not less than the waste-pipes they serve, placed outside or below the trap. Lead air-pipes may be used only where they are exposed to view. Air-pipes for water-closet traps shall be of two-inch bore if thirty feet or less in length, and of three-inch bore if more than thirty feet in length. Air-pipes shall be run as direct as practicable. Two or more air-pipes may be connected together or with a drain-pipe; but in every case of connection with a drain-pipe, such connection shall be above the upper fixture of the building.

Waste-pipes to have separate trap.

Air-pipes.

SECT. 129. Drip or overflow pipes, from safes under water-closets and other fixtures, or from tanks or cisterns, shall be run to some place in open sight, and in no case shall any such pipe be connected directly with a drain-pipe. No waste-pipe from a refrigerator, or other receptacle in which provisions are stored, shall be connected with a drain-pipe or other waste-pipe.

Drip or overflow pipes, etc.

SECT. 130. Every water-closet, or line of water-closets on the same floor, shall be supplied with water from a tank or cistern, and shall have a flushing-pipe of not less than one inch in diameter; but this requirement shall not apply to water-closets substituted for vaults, where the same are located outside of the building proper; and such water-closets may be arranged so as to receive their supply directly from the main, with proper fixtures approved by the inspector, the water board, and the board of health.

Water-closets, etc., to have tank, etc.

SECT. 131. Every privy-vault shall be of brick and cement, of a capacity not less than eighty cubic feet, of easy access, convenient to open and clean, and made tight. The inside shall be at least two feet from the next lot, and from any public or private way.

Privy-vaults, construction and capacity.

SECT. 132. No steam exhaust shall be connected with any public sewer or with any soil or waste pipe or drain which communicates with a public sewer.

Steam exhaust, connection with sewer.

SECT. 133. Water-pipes in exposed places shall be properly protected from frost.

Water-pipes, protection from frost.

SECT. 134. A grease trap shall be constructed under the sink of every hotel, eating-house, restaurant, or other public cooking-establishment so as to be easily accessible for inspection and cleaning.

Grease traps.

SECT. 135. All ordinances and parts of ordinances of the city of Boston now in force relating to the building limits and the inspection and survey of buildings shall remain in force until amended or repealed by said city. Said city may, by ordinance, regulate the management and inspection of elevator hoistways and elevator shafts in said city. The officers of the department for the inspection of buildings of said city shall continue to hold office for the terms for which they were appointed, and until their successors are appointed in accordance with this act, unless sooner removed.

Ordinances now in force to continue until repealed, etc.

Officers to continue until, etc.

SECT. 136. Any court having equity jurisdiction, in term time or vacation, may, on the application of the inspector, by any suitable process or decree in equity, enforce the provisions of this act, and may, on such application, issue an injunction to restrain the erection, alteration, use or occupation of any building or structure in the city of Boston, erected, altered, maintained or used in violation of this act.

Court may enforce, etc., provisions of this act.

SECT. 137. Any person who shall build or alter any wall, building or other structure, or part thereof, in violation of any provision of this act, or who shall, after twenty-four hours' notice from the

Penalty for violation of provisions of this act.

inspector, maintain or use any such wall, building or other structure, or part thereof, so built or altered, or shall violate any provision of this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, to be paid into the treasury of the city of Boston.

Repeal.

SECT. 138. Sections forty to fifty-three inclusive of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes are hereby repealed in so far as they relate to the city of Boston. Chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ten, chapter three hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, chapter one hundred and ninety-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter two hundred and fifty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, chapter one hundred and seventy-three and chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, chapter three hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, sections two, four, and five to ten inclusive of chapter three hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the same year, chapter three hundred and sixteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, so far as it relates to the city of Boston, sections one to eight inclusive of chapter four hundred and twenty-six of the acts of the same year, so far as they relate to the city of Boston, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed. All provisions of this act, which are the same in effect as those hereinbefore repealed, shall be construed as continuations and reenactments, and in all such cases the provisions shall take effect as of the date when they were first enacted. No repeal hereby enacted shall have the effect of reviving any act or part of an act heretofore repealed.

June 16, 1892.

[1885, 374; 1888, 316, 367, 426; 1889, 129, 450.]

## 1892. — CHAPTER 424.

### AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Rapid transit  
commission  
dissolved.

SECTION 1. The commission established by chapter three hundred and sixty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, known as the rapid transit commission, is hereby dissolved. This act shall not be construed to authorize the payment of any salaries or expenses of said commission, or its officers or agents, not otherwise authorized.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

June 16, 1892.

[1890, 365.]

## 1892. — CHAPTER 433.

### AN ACT RELATING TO THE ABOLITION OF CERTAIN GRADE CROSSINGS OF THE BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Commissioners  
may prescribe  
manner of  
abolishing  
certain grade  
crossings in  
Boston.

SECTION 1. The commissioners appointed by the superior court of the county of Suffolk, to consider the abolition of the grade crossing of the tracks of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company and Tremont street in the city of Boston, or any other commissioners appointed for the purpose, shall, after such hearings as they may

deem necessary, prescribe the manner in which the tracks of said company between Chester park and the towns of Hyde Park and Dedham shall be raised, in order to abolish all the grade crossings of the main line of said company and the highways in the city of Boston between said Chester park and Blakemore street in said city.

SECT. 2. The alterations and improvements prescribed by said commission shall be made by the Old Colony Railroad Company, and the expenses thereof paid by it, and for that purpose it may issue its stock from time to time to such an amount as may be necessary, not to exceed in all the sum of two million dollars; such stock to be sold at public auction.

Old Colony Railroad Company to make alterations and pay expenses.

SECT. 3. The Commonwealth shall repay to said railroad company forty-five per cent. of the cost incurred by said company in carrying out said alterations and improvements, as audited and approved by the auditors provided for in chapter four hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and the treasurer and receiver-general of the Commonwealth shall pay the amounts required therefor from any money not otherwise appropriated, and is hereby authorized, when requested by the governor and council so to do, to issue and sell bonds of the Commonwealth from time to time, under such terms and conditions and with such sinking-funds for their redemption as shall best promote the welfare of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth to repay railroad company forty-five per cent.

SECT. 4. Said city of Boston shall repay to the Commonwealth thirty per cent. of the amount repaid by the Commonwealth to said railroad company, in twenty equal annual payments of one and one-half per cent. of said amount, with interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum; and the said treasurer and receiver-general shall in each of said twenty years include the annual payment, with interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum, required of said city in, and make the same a part of, the sum charged to said city as its State tax, and the same shall be paid by the city into the treasury of the Commonwealth at the time required for the payment, and as a part of its State tax.

Amount to be paid by city.

SECT. 5. Sections one to eight, inclusive, of chapter four hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and all acts additional to or in amendment thereof, shall, so far as they do not conflict with the foregoing provisions, be applicable to all proceedings under this act.

1890, 428, certain sections to be applicable.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*June 16, 1892.*

## RESOLVES. — CHAPTER 61.

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF ANDREW C. SCOTT AND DAVID L. ADAMSON.

*Resolved*, That Andrew C. Scott and David L. Adamson, now in the clerical service of the fire department of the city of Boston, and who were permanently disabled while engaged in the active service of said department, shall, from and after the passage of this resolve, be eligible to receive a pension and be placed on a pension roll, under the provisions, rules, and limitations of chapter one hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty, and acts in amendment thereof or supplementary thereto, in the same manner and to the same extent that they would have been entitled had the provisions of said chapter been in force at the time they were so disabled.

City may pay pensions to certain members of fire department.

*May 2, 1892.*



# APPENDIX.

## 1821. — CHAPTER 110.

### AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. That the inhabitants of the town of Boston, for all purposes, for which towns are by law incorporated in this Commonwealth, shall continue to be one body politic, in fact and in name, under the style and denomination of the city of Boston, and as such, shall have, exercise, and enjoy, all the rights, immunities, powers, and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations, now incumbent upon, and appertaining to said town, as a municipal corporation. And the administration of all the fiscal, prudential, and municipal concerns of said city, with the conduct and government thereof, shall be vested in one principal officer, to be styled the mayor; one select council, consisting of eight persons, to be denominated the board of aldermen; and one more numerous council, to consist of forty-eight persons, to be denominated the common council; which boards, in their joint capacity, shall be denominated the city council, together with such other board of officers, as are hereinafter specified.

City, and its  
rights, powers,  
etc.

City officers.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall be the duty of the selectmen of Boston, as soon as may be, after the passing of this act, to cause a new division of the said town to be made into twelve wards, in such manner as to include an equal number of inhabitants in each ward, as nearly as conveniently may be, consistently with well defined limits to each ward; including, in such computation of numbers of inhabitants, persons of all descriptions, and taking the last census, made under the authority of the United States, as a basis for such computation. And it shall be in the power of the city council, hereinafter mentioned, from time to time, not oftener than once in ten years, to alter such division of wards, in such manner as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants in each ward.

To be divided  
into twelve  
wards.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that on the second Monday of April, annually, the citizens of said city, qualified to vote in city affairs, shall meet together, in their respective wards, at such time and place as the mayor and aldermen may, by their warrant, direct and appoint, and the said citizens shall then choose by ballot one warden and one clerk, who shall be resident in said ward, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be appointed in their stead. And it shall be the duty of such warden to preside at all meetings of the citizens of such ward, to preserve order therein; and it shall be the duty of such clerk to make a fair and true record, and keep an exact journal, of all the acts and votes of the citizens, at such ward meetings; to deliver over such records and journals, together with all other documents and papers held by him, in his said capacity, to his successor in such office. And if, at the opening

Election of city  
officers.

Duty of warden  
and clerk.

Inspectors of  
elections.

of any annual meeting, the warden of such ward should not be present, the clerk of such ward shall call the citizens to order, and preside at such meeting until a warden shall be chosen by ballot. And if, at any other meeting, the warden shall be absent, the clerk, in such case, shall so preside, until a moderator or warden, *pro tempore*, shall be chosen; which may be done by nomination and hand vote, if the clerk so direct. At such meeting also, five inspectors of elections shall be chosen for such ward, being residents therein, by ballot, to hold their offices for one year. And it shall be the duty of the warden and inspectors, in each ward, to receive, sort, count, and declare all votes, at all elections within such ward. And the warden, clerk, and inspectors, so chosen, shall, respectively be, under oath, faithfully and impartially to discharge their several duties, relative to all elections; which oath may be administered by the clerk of such ward, to the warden, and by the latter, to the clerk and inspectors, or by any justice of the peace of the county of Suffolk; and a certificate of such oaths having been administered, shall be entered in the record or journal, to be kept by the clerk of such ward.

Duties of inspectors.

Powers of warden.

Proviso.

Choice of mayor.

Returns of votes.

Examination of votes.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that the warden, or other presiding officer of such ward meeting, shall have full power and authority to preserve order and decorum therein; and to repress all riotous, tumultuous, and disorderly conduct therein, and for that purpose, to call to his aid, any constable, or other peace officer, and also to command the aid and assistance of any citizen or citizens, who may be present; and any peace officer, or other citizen, neglecting or refusing to afford such aid, shall be taken and deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor. And such warden shall also have power and authority, by warrant, under his hand, to cause any person or persons, who shall be guilty of any riotous, tumultuous, or disorderly conduct at such meeting, to be taken into custody, and restrained: *provided, however*, that such restraint shall not continue after the adjournment or dissolution of such meeting: *and provided further*, that the person, so guilty of such disorderly conduct, shall be liable, notwithstanding such restraint, to be prosecuted and punished, in the same manner, as if such arrest had not been made.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that the citizens of said city, qualified to vote in city affairs, at their respective ward meetings, to be held on the second Monday in April, annually, shall be called upon to give their votes for one able and discreet person, being an inhabitant of the city, to be mayor of said city, for the term of one year. And all the votes so given in, in each ward, being sorted, counted, and declared by the warden and inspectors of elections, shall be recorded at large, by the clerk, in open ward meeting; and, in making such declaration and record, the whole number of votes or ballots given in shall be distinctly stated, together with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes given for each person respectively; such numbers to be expressed in words at length; and a transcript of such record, certified and authenticated by the warden, clerk, and a majority of the inspectors of elections for each ward, shall, forthwith, be transmitted or delivered by such ward clerk, to the clerk of the city. And it shall be the duty of the city clerk, forthwith to enter such returns, or a plain and intelligible abstract of them, as they are successively received, upon the journal of the proceedings of the mayor and aldermen, or some other book to be kept for that purpose. And it shall be the duty of the mayor and aldermen to meet together, within two days after such election, and to examine and compare all the said returns, and to ascertain whether any person has a majority of all the votes given for mayor; and in

case a majority is so given, it shall be their duty to give notice thereof, in writing, to the person thus elected, and also to make the same known to the inhabitants of said city. But if, on such an examination, no person appears to have a majority of all the votes given for mayor, the mayor and aldermen, for the time being, shall issue their warrants for meetings of the respective wards, for the choice of a mayor, at such time and place, as they shall judge most convenient; and the same proceedings shall be had in all respects, as are hereinbefore directed, until a mayor shall be chosen by a majority of all the voters, voting at such election. And in case of the decease, inability, or absence of the mayor, and the same being declared, and a vote passed by the aldermen and common council, respectively, declaring such cause, and the expediency of electing a mayor, for the time being, to supply the vacancy thus occasioned, it shall be lawful for the aldermen and common council to meet in convention, and elect a mayor to hold the said office until such occasion shall be removed, or until a new election.

Provision for new meeting in case no election is made at the first.

Provision in case of the death, absence, etc., of the mayor.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, that the citizens in their respective ward meetings, to be held on the second Monday of April, annually, shall be called upon to give in their votes for eight persons, being inhabitants of said city, to constitute the board of aldermen, for the ensuing year; and all the votes so given, being sorted, counted, and declared by the warden and inspectors, shall be recorded at large, by the clerk, in open ward meeting; and in making such declaration and record, the whole number of votes or ballots given in shall be particularly stated, together with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes given for each person; and a transcript of such record, certified by the warden and clerk and a majority of the inspectors of each ward, shall, by the said clerk, within two days, be transmitted to the city clerk; whereupon the same proceedings shall be had, to ascertain and determine the persons chosen as aldermen, as are herein before directed in regard to the choice of mayor, and for a new election, in case of the whole number required not being chosen at the first election. And each alderman, so chosen, shall be duly notified, in writing, of his election, by the mayor and aldermen for the time being.

Board of aldermen to be chosen annually.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, that the citizens of each ward, qualified to vote as aforesaid, at their respective ward meetings, to be held on the second Monday of April, annually, shall be called upon to give in their votes for four able and discreet men, being inhabitants of said ward, to be members of the common council: and all the votes given in as aforesaid, in each ward, and being sorted, counted, and declared by the warden and inspectors, if it appear that four persons have a majority of all the votes given at such election, a public declaration thereof, with the names of the persons so chosen, shall be made in open ward meeting, and the same shall be entered at large, by the clerk of such ward, in his journal, stating, particularly, the whole number of votes given in, the number necessary to make a choice, and the number actually given for each of the persons, so declared to be chosen. But, in case four persons are not chosen at the first ballot, a new ballot shall be opened for a number of common councilmen, sufficient to complete the number of four; and the same proceedings shall be had, as before directed, until the number of four shall be duly chosen: *provided, however*, that, if the said elections cannot conveniently be completed on such day, the same may be adjourned to another day, for that purpose, not longer distant than three days. And each of the persons so chosen as a member of the common council, in each ward, shall, within two days of his election, be furnished with a certificate thereof, signed by the warden, clerk.

Common councilmen to be elected annually.

Proviso for adjournment of meeting.



- and a majority of the inspectors of such ward ; which certificate shall be presumptive evidence of the title of such person to a seat in the common council ; but such council, however, shall have authority to decide ultimately upon all questions relative to the qualifications ; elections and returns of its members.
- Qualification of electors** SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, that every male citizen of twenty-one years of age and upwards, excepting paupers, and persons under guardianship, who has resided within the Commonwealth one year, and within the city six months next preceding any meeting of citizens, either in wards, or in general meeting, for municipal purposes, and who has paid by himself or his parent, master, or guardian, any state or county tax, which, within two years next preceding such meeting, shall have been assessed upon him, in any town or district in this commonwealth, and also every citizen who shall be, by law, exempted from taxation, and who shall be in all other respects qualified as above mentioned, shall have a right to vote at such meeting, and no other person shall be entitled to vote at such meeting.
- Officers to enter on their duties on first of May.** SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted*, that the mayor, aldermen, and common councilmen, chosen as aforesaid, shall enter on the duties of their respective offices on the first day of May, in each year, unless the same happen on a Sunday ; and in that event, on the day following ; and before entering on the duties of their offices, shall respectively be sworn, by taking the oath of allegiance and oath of office, prescribed in the constitution of this commonwealth, and an oath to support the constitution of the United States. And such oaths may be administered to the mayor-elect, by any one of the justices of the supreme judicial court, or any judge of any court of record, commissioned to hold any such court, within the said city, or by any justice of the peace for the county of Suffolk. And such oaths shall and may be administered to the aldermen and members of the common council, by the mayor, being himself first sworn as aforesaid ; and a certificate of such oaths having been taken, shall be entered in the journal of the mayor and aldermen, and of the common council, respectively, by their respective clerks.
- Oath of office.**
- Mayor and aldermen to act as one body.** SECT. 10. *Be it further enacted*, that the mayor and aldermen, thus chosen and qualified, shall compose one board, and shall sit and act together as one body, at all meetings, of which the mayor, if present, shall preside ; but, in his absence, the board may elect a chairman for the time being. The said board, together with the common council, in convention, shall have power to choose a clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, who shall be chosen for the term of one year, and until another person is duly chosen to succeed him ; removable, however, at the pleasure of the mayor and aldermen ; who shall be denominated the clerk of the city, and whose duty it shall be to keep a journal of the acts and proceedings of the said board, composed of the mayor and aldermen ; to sign all warrants issued by them, and to do such other acts in his said capacity, as may, lawfully and reasonably, be required of him ; and to deliver over all journals, books, papers, and documents, entrusted to him as such clerk, to his successor in office, immediately upon such successor being chosen and qualified as aforesaid, or whenever he may be required thereto by the said mayor and aldermen. And the city clerk thus chosen and qualified, shall have all the powers, and perform all the duties, now by law belonging to the town clerk of the town of Boston, as if the same were particularly and fully enumerated, except in cases where it is otherwise expressly provided.
- General powers.**
- May be chosen surveyors of highways.**
- 1823, c. 2.**
- Duties of clerk.**
- Common council to act as a separate body.** SECT. 11. *Be it further enacted*, that the persons, so chosen and qualified, as members of the common council of the said city, shall sit and act together as a separate body, distinct from that of the

mayor and aldermen, except in those cases in which the two bodies are to meet in convention; and the said council shall have power, from time to time, to choose one of their own members to preside over their deliberations, and to preserve order therein, and also to choose a clerk, who shall be under oath faithfully to discharge the duties of his office, who shall hold such office, during the pleasure of said council, and whose duty it shall be to attend said council, when the same is in session, to keep a journal of its acts, votes, and proceedings, and to perform such other services in said capacity, as said council may require. All sittings of the common council shall be public; also all sittings of the mayor and aldermen, when they are not engaged in executive business. Twenty-five members of the common council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

General powers.

Clerk to be chosen.

His duty.

SECT. 12. *Be it further enacted*, that the mayor of the said city, thus chosen and qualified, shall be taken and deemed to be the chief executive officer of said corporation; and he shall be compensated for his services by a salary, to be fixed by the board of aldermen and common council, in city council convened, payable at stated periods; which salary shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars annually, and he shall receive no other compensation or emoluments whatever; and no regulation enlarging or diminishing such compensation shall be made, to take effect until the expiration of the year for which the mayor then in office shall have been elected. And it shall be the duty of the mayor to be vigilant and active at all times, in causing the laws for the government of said city to be duly executed and put in force; to inspect the conduct of all subordinate officers in the government thereof, and, as far as is in his power, to cause all negligence, carelessness, and positive violation of duty, to be duly prosecuted and punished. He shall have power, whenever, in his judgment, the good of said city may require it, to summon meetings of the board of aldermen and common council, or either of them, although the meeting of said boards, or either of them, may stand adjourned to a more distant day. And it shall be the duty of the mayor, from time to time, to communicate to both branches of the city council all such information, and recommend all such measures as may tend to the improvement of the finances, the police, health, security, cleanliness, comfort, and ornament of the said city.

Compensation of the mayor.

His duty.

— may call meetings of the city officers.

SECT. 13. *Be it further enacted*, that the administration of police, together with the executive powers of the said corporation generally, together also with all the powers heretofore vested in the selectmen of the town of Boston, either by the general laws of this commonwealth, by particular laws relative to the powers and duties of said selectmen, or by the usages, votes, or by-laws of said town, shall be, and hereby are, vested in the mayor and aldermen, as hereby constituted, as fully and amply as if the same were herein specially enumerated. And further, the said mayor and aldermen shall have full and exclusive power to grant licenses to innholders, victuallers, retailers, and confectioners, within the said city, in all cases wherein the court of sessions for the county of Suffolk, on the recommendation of the selectmen of Boston, have heretofore been authorized to grant such licenses; and, in granting such licenses, it shall be lawful for the said mayor and aldermen to annex thereto such reasonable conditions in regard to time, places, and other circumstances, under which such license shall be acted upon, as, in their judgment, the peace, quiet, and good order of the city may require. Also to take bonds of all persons so licensed, in reasonable sums, and with sufficient sureties, conditioned for a faithful compliance with the terms of their said licenses, and of all laws and regulations respecting such licensed

Powers of mayor and aldermen.

To grant licenses.

— and take bonds from persons licensed.

Forfeiture for  
acting as a  
taverner, etc.,  
without license.

houses : and said mayor and aldermen, after the granting of any such license, shall have power to revoke or suspend the same, if in their judgment the order and welfare of said city shall require it. And any person or persons who shall presume to exercise either of the said employments, within said city, without having first obtained a license therefor, or in any manner, contrary to the terms of said license, or after the same shall have been revoked or suspended, such person or persons shall be liable to the same penalties and forfeitures, and to be prosecuted for, in the same manner as now by law provided, in case of exercising either of said employments without license from the court of sessions for the county of Suffolk ; and shall also be taken and deemed to have forfeited their bonds, respectively given aforesaid, upon which suits may be instituted against such licensed persons or their sureties, at the discretion of the said mayor and aldermen, and in such manner as they may direct, for the purpose of enforcing such forfeiture : *provided, however*, that all innholders, retailers, confectioners, and victuallers, shall, on being licensed as aforesaid, pay the same sum now required by law ; which sum shall be accounted for in the same way and manner as is now by law required.

Mayor and  
aldermen may  
license theatrical  
exhibitions,  
etc., and regulate  
them.

SECT. 14. *Be it further enacted*, that the mayor and aldermen shall have power to license all theatrical exhibitions, and all public shows, and all exhibitions of whatever name or nature, to which admission is obtained on payment of money, on such terms and conditions as to them may seem just and reasonable ; and to regulate the same, from time to time, in such manner as to them may appear necessary to preserve order and decorum, and to prevent the interruption of peace and quiet. And any person or persons who shall set forth, establish, or promote any such exhibition or show, or publish, or advertise the same, or otherwise aid or assist therein, without a license so obtained as aforesaid, or contrary to the terms or conditions of such license, or whilst the name is suspended, or after the same is revoked by said mayor and aldermen, shall be liable to such forfeiture, as the city council may, by any by-law made for that purpose, prescribe.

By-laws.

SECT. 15. *Be it further enacted*, that all other powers now by law vested in the town of Boston, or in the inhabitants thereof, as a municipal corporation, shall be, and hereby are, vested in the mayor and aldermen and common council of the said city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each board, as hereby constituted, having a negative upon the other ; more especially, they shall have power to make all such needful and salutary by-laws as towns by the laws of this commonwealth have power to make and establish, and to annex penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars, for the breach thereof, which by-laws shall take effect and be in force from and after the times therein respectively limited, without the sanction or confirmation of any court, or other authority whatsoever : *provided*, that such by-laws shall not be repugnant to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth : *and provided, also*, that the same shall be liable to be annulled by the legislature thereof. The said city council shall also have power, from time to time, to lay and assess taxes for all purposes for which towns are by law required or authorized to assess and grant money, and also for all purposes for which county taxes may be levied and assessed, whenever the city shall alone compose one county : *provided, however*, that in the assessment and apportionment of all such taxes upon the polls and estates of all persons liable to contribute thereto, the same rules and regulations shall be observed, as are now established by the laws of this commonwealth, or may be hereafter enacted, relative to the

Provisos.

Assessment of  
taxes.

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assessment and apportionment of town taxes. The said city council shall also have power to provide for the assessment and collection of such taxes, and to make appropriations of all public moneys, and provide for the disbursement thereof, and take suitable measures to ensure a just and prompt account thereof; and for these purposes, may either elect such assessors, and assistant assessors, as may be needful, or provide for the appointment or election of the same, or any of them, by the mayor and aldermen, or by the citizens, as in their judgment may be most conducive to the public good, and may also require of all persons intrusted with the collection, custody, or disbursement of all public moneys, such bonds with such conditions and such sureties, as the case may in their judgment require.

Collection of taxes.

Assessors to be chosen.

SECT. 16. *Be it further enacted*, that the said city council shall have power, and they are hereby authorized, to provide for the appointment or election of all necessary officers, for the good government of said city, not otherwise provided for; to prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation, and to choose a register of deeds, whenever the city shall compose one county. The city council, also, shall have the care and superintendence of the public buildings, and the care, custody, and management of all the property of the city, with power to lease or sell the same (except the Common, and Faneuil hall), with power also to purchase property, real or personal, in the name, and for the use, of the city, whenever its interest or convenience may, in their judgment, require it.

City council may appoint all necessary city officers.

SECT. 17. *Be it further enacted*, that all the power and authority now by law vested in the board of health for the town of Boston, relative to the quarantine of vessels, and relative to every subject whatsoever, shall be, and the same is hereby, transferred to, and vested in, the said city council, to be carried into execution by the appointment of health commissioners, or in such other manner as the health, cleanliness, comfort, and order of the said city may in their judgment require, subject to such alterations as the legislature may, from time to time, adopt.

Powers of board of health transferred to city council.

SECT. 18. *Be it further enacted*, that the mayor and aldermen of said city, and the said common council, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, after their annual organization, meet together in convention, and elect some suitable and trustworthy person to be treasurer of said city.

City treasurer to be chosen.

SECT. 19. *Be it further enacted*, that the citizens, at their respective ward meetings, to be held on the second Monday of April, annually, shall elect, by ballot, a number of persons, to be determined by the city council, but not less than three in each ward, to be firewards of said city, who together shall constitute the board of firewards of said city, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, now by law appertaining to the firewards of the town of Boston, until the same shall be altered or qualified by the legislature. And the said citizens shall, at the same time, and in like manner, elect one person in each ward, to be an overseer of the poor; and the persons thus chosen shall together constitute the board of overseers for said city, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, now by law appertaining to the overseers of the poor for the town of Boston, until the same shall be altered or qualified by the legislature. And the said citizens shall, at the same time, and in like manner, elect one person in each ward, to be a member of the school committee for the said city; and the persons so chosen shall, jointly with the mayor and aldermen, constitute the school committee for the said city, and have the care and superintendence of the public schools.

Firewards.

Overseers of the poor.

School committee.

SECT. 20. *Be it further enacted*, that all boards and officers, acting

Expenditures of public money to

be accounted for  
to city council.

under the authority of the said corporation, and intrusted with the expenditure of public money, shall be accountable therefor to the city council, in such manner as they may direct. And it shall be the duty of the city council to publish and distribute, annually, for the information of the citizens, a particular statement of the receipts and expenditures of all public moneys, and a particular statement of all city property.

Mayor to nominate officers.

SECT. 21. *Be it further enacted*, that, in all cases in which appointments to office are directed to be made by the mayor and aldermen, the mayor shall have the exclusive power of nomination; such nomination, however, being subject to be confirmed or rejected by the board of aldermen: *provided, however*, that no person shall be eligible to any office, the salary of which is payable out of the city treasury, who, at the time of his appointment, shall be a member either of the board of aldermen or common council.

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City council to fix the number of representatives to general court.

SECT. 22. *Be it further enacted*, that it shall be the duty of the two branches of the city council, in the month of May, in each year, after their annual organization, to meet in convention, and determine the number of representatives which it may be expedient for the corporation to send to the general court in such year, within its constitutional limits, and to publish such determination, which shall be conclusive; and the number thus determined shall be specified in the warrant calling a meeting for the election of representatives; and neither the mayor, nor any alderman, or members of the common council, shall, at the same time, hold any other office under the city government.

Ward meetings, for the choice of national and state officers.

SECT. 23. *Be it further enacted*, that all elections for governor, lieutenant governor, senators, representatives, representatives to congress, and all other officers, who are to be chosen and voted for by the people, shall be held at meetings of the citizens, qualified to vote in such elections, in their respective wards, at the time fixed by law for those elections respectively. And at such meetings, all the votes given in, being collected, sorted, counted, and declared, by the inspectors of elections, in each ward, it shall be the duty of the clerk of such ward to make a true record of the same, specifying therein the whole number of ballots given in, the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes for each, expressed in words at length. And a transcript of such record, certified by the warden, clerk, and a majority of the inspectors of elections in such ward, shall forthwith be transmitted or delivered by each ward clerk to the clerk of the city. And it shall be the duty of the city clerk forthwith to enter such returns, or a plain and intelligible abstract of them, as they are successively received, in the journals of the proceedings of the mayor and aldermen, or in some other book kept for that purpose. And it shall be the duty of the mayor and aldermen to meet together within two days after every such election, and examine and compare all the said returns, and thereupon to make out a certificate of the result of such election, to be signed by the mayor and a majority of the aldermen, and also by the city clerk, which shall be transmitted, delivered, or returned in the same manner as similar returns are by law directed to be made by the selectmen of towns; and such certificates and returns shall have the same force and effect, in all respects, as like returns of similar elections, made by the selectmen of towns. And in all elections for representatives to the general court, in case the whole number proposed to be elected shall not be chosen by a majority of the votes legally returned, the mayor and aldermen shall forthwith issue their warrant for a new election, and the same proceedings shall be had in all respects as are herein before directed, until the whole number

Examination and return of votes.

shall be elected: *provided, however*, that it shall be the duty of the selectmen of the said town of Boston, within twelve days from the passing of this act, to call a meeting of the qualified voters of the said town to give in their ballots on the following question: shall the elections for state and United States officers be holden in general meeting? And it shall be the duty of the selectmen to preside at the said meeting, to receive, sort, count, and declare the votes given in, and to forward a certificate of the result to the secretary of the commonwealth, and publish the same in two or more of the newspapers printed in Boston; and if a majority of the votes so given in shall be in the negative, then the provisions of the preceding part of this section shall regulate the said elections in wards; but if a majority of the votes given in as aforesaid shall be in the affirmative, then the said elections for state and United States officers shall be holden in the manner prescribed by the constitution and laws of the commonwealth, with the exception that the mayor and aldermen and city clerk shall perform the duties now required by law to be performed by the selectmen and town clerk.

*Provided.*

SECT. 24. *Be it further enacted*, that prior to every election of city officers, or of any officer or officers under the government of the United States or of this commonwealth, it shall be the duty of said mayor and aldermen to make out lists of all the citizens of each ward, qualified to vote in such election, in the manner in which selectmen and assessors of towns are required to make out similar lists of voters; and for that purpose they shall have free access to the assessors' books and lists, and be entitled to the aid and assistance of all assessors, assistant assessors and other officers of said city. And it shall be the duty of said mayor and aldermen to deliver such list of the voters in each ward, so prepared and corrected, to the clerk of said ward, to be used by the warden and inspectors thereof at such election; and no person shall be entitled to vote at such election whose name is not borne on such list. And, to prevent all frauds and mistakes in such elections, it shall be the duty of the inspectors, in each ward, to take care that no person shall vote at such election, whose name is not so borne on the list of voters, and to cause a mark to be placed against the name of each voter, on such list, at the time of giving in his vote.

Ward lists of voters to be made.

— and delivered to ward clerks for wardens' and inspectors' use at elections.

None to vote whose name is not on the list.

SECT. 25. *Be it further enacted*, that general meetings of the citizens, qualified to vote in city affairs, may from time to time be held, to consult upon the common good, to give instructions to their representatives, and to take all lawful measures to obtain a redress of any grievances, according to the right secured to the people by the constitution of this commonwealth. And such meetings shall and may be duly warned by the mayor and aldermen, upon the requisition of fifty qualified voters of said city.

General meetings.

SECT. 26. *Be it further enacted*, that all warrants for the meetings of the citizens, for municipal purposes, to be had either in general meetings or in wards, shall be issued by the mayor and aldermen, and shall be in such form, and shall be served, executed, and returned at such time, and in such manner, as the city council may, by any by-law, direct and appoint.

Warrants for meetings to be issued by mayor and aldermen.

SECT. 27. *Be it further enacted*, that for the purpose of organizing the system of government hereby established, and putting the same into operation in the first instance, the selectmen of the town of Boston, for the time being, shall seasonably, before the second Monday of April next, issue their warrants for calling meetings of the said citizens, in their respective wards, qualified to vote as aforesaid, at such place and hour as they shall think expedient, for the purpose of choosing a warden, clerk, and five inspectors of elections, and also

Form of organizing the city.

Return of votes.

to give in their votes for a mayor and eight aldermen, for said city, and four common councilmen, three firewards, one overseer of the poor, and one member of the school committee, for each ward; and the transcripts of the records of each ward, specifying the votes given for mayor and aldermen, firewards, overseers, and members of the school committee, certified by the warden, clerk, and a majority of the inspectors of such ward, shall, at said election, be returned to the said selectmen of the town of Boston, whose duty it shall be to examine and compare the same. And in case said elections shall not be complete at the first election, then to issue a new warrant, until such election shall be completed, and to give notice thereof, in the manner herein before directed, to the several persons elected. And at said first meeting, the clerk of each ward, under the present organization, shall call the citizens to order, and preside until a warden shall be chosen; and at said first meeting, a list of voters in each ward, prepared and corrected by the selectmen of the town of Boston, for the time being, shall be delivered to the clerk of each ward, to be used as herein before directed.

Repeal of acts.

SECT. 28. *Be it further enacted*, that so much of the act heretofore passed, relative to the establishment of a board of health for the town of Boston, as provides for the choice of members of the said board, and so much of the several acts relative to the assessment and collection of taxes within the town of Boston, as provides for the election of assistant assessors, also all such acts, and parts of acts, as come within the purview of this act, and which are inconsistent with, or repugnant to the provisions of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECT. 29. And whereas, by the laws of this commonwealth, towns are authorized and required to hold their annual meetings some time in the months of March or April, in each year, for the choice of town officers; and whereas, such meeting, in the month of March, in the present year, for the town of Boston, would be useless and unnecessarily burthensome: therefore,

March meetings suspended.

*Be it further enacted*, that the annual town meetings, in the months of March or April, be suspended, and all town officers now in office shall hold their places until this act shall go into operation.

Legislative control.

SECT. 30. *Be it further enacted*, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to restrain or prevent the legislature from amending or altering the same, whenever they shall deem it expedient.

Conditional clause.

SECT. 31. *Be it further enacted*, that this act shall be void, unless the inhabitants of the town of Boston, at a legal town meeting, called for that purpose, shall, by a written vote, determine to adopt the same within twelve days.

February 23, 1823.

## 1806. — CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE, AND TO INCORPORATE THE SOUTHERLY PARISH THEREIN AS A SEPARATE TOWN, BY THE NAME OF BRIGHTON.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

Brighton incorporated.

SECTION 1. That all that part of the town of Cambridge situate on the south side of Charles river, heretofore known as the third parish, and as described within the following bounds, together with the inhabitants thereon, be, and the same is, hereby incorporated into a separate town, by the name of Brighton, — viz.: Beginning at Brookline line, where Charles river intersects the same, and running on a

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line in the middle of said Charles river, until it strikes Newton line, thence along Newton line until it intersects Brookline line; thence on said line of Brookline to said Charles river, first mentioned; and the said town of Brighton is hereby vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities, and shall also be subjected to all the duties to which other corporate towns are entitled and subjected by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth: *provided, however*, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to impair the right or privilege of the congregational ministers of the said town of Brighton, which they hold in Harvard college. Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, that the said town of Brighton shall be entitled to hold such proportion of all the real and personal estate, now belonging to, and owned in common by the inhabitants of the present town of Cambridge, as the property of the said town of Brighton now bears to the property of all the inhabitants of the present town of Cambridge, according to the latest valuation thereof, excepting always, all right of common landing places, uses and privileges, heretofore possessed by the inhabitants of said town of Cambridge, all which shall be held and enjoyed by the towns respectively within whose limits the same may be. Proportion of property to be held by Brighton.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, that the said town of Brighton shall be holden to pay their proportion, to be ascertained as aforesaid, of all the debts and claims now due and owing from the said town of Cambridge, or which may hereafter be found due and owing by reason of any contract, engagement, judgment of court, or any matter or thing, now or heretofore entered into or existing. To pay their proportion of debts, etc.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, that the said town of Brighton shall be holden to support their proportion of the present poor of the town of Cambridge, which proportion shall be ascertained as aforesaid, and all persons, who shall be ascertained as aforesaid, and all persons, who shall or may hereafter become chargeable as paupers, shall be considered as belonging to that town on whose territory they have gained a legal settlement at the passing of this act, and shall be supported by that town only. Supporting the poor.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, that the said town of Brighton shall keep up and support their proportion of a bridge over Charles river, between said town and the town of Cambridge, so long as said bridge may be deemed by law necessary; said proportion to be ascertained by the state valuation from time to time. Supporting the bridge.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, that either of the justices of the peace for the county of Middlesex is hereby authorized to issue a warrant, directed to some inhabitant of the said town of Brighton, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof to meet at such convenient time and place as shall be expressed in the said warrant, for the choice of all such officers as towns are by law required to choose, in the months of March or April, annually. Justice to issue his warrant.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, that the said town of Brighton shall pay their proportion of all state and county taxes, as are already, or may hereafter, be assessed upon the inhabitants of the town of Cambridge, until the general court shall lay a tax upon said town of Brighton. To pay proportion of taxes.

February 24, 1807.



## 1846 — CHAPTER 95.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF ROXBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :*

Roxbury to be a city.

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Roxbury shall continue to be a body politic and corporate, under the name of the city of Roxbury, and as such shall have, exercise, and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations, now incumbent upon, and appertaining to, said town as a municipal corporation.

Administration, etc., to be vested in a mayor, eight aldermen, and twenty-four common councilmen, etc.

SECT. 2. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential, and municipal affairs of said city, with the government thereof, shall be vested in one principal officer, to be styled the mayor; one council of eight, to be called the board of aldermen; and one council of twenty-four, to be called the common council: which boards, in their joint capacity, shall be denominated the city council, and the members thereof shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices. A majority of each board shall constitute a quorum for doing business, and no member of either board shall receive any compensation for his services.

Boards to serve without compensation.

Selectmen to divide the town into eight wards, etc.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the selectmen of the town of Roxbury, as soon as may be, after the passage of this act, and its acceptance by the inhabitants, as hereinafter provided, to divide said town into eight wards, as follows, to wit: *first*, by drawing a line between the second and third parishes, as near the old territorial parish line as may be convenient, constituting the second parish one ward; *second*, by drawing a line in the same manner between the first and third parishes, and dividing the third parish into two wards, to contain, as nearly as may be convenient, an equal number of inhabitants; *third*, by dividing the first parish into five wards, as nearly equal in number of inhabitants as may be consistent with convenience in other respects.

Arrangement thereof to be revised every five years by the city council. *Provided*.

It shall be the duty of the city council, once in five years, to revise, and, if it be needful, to alter said wards in such manner as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number of voters in each ward: *provided, however*, that the second parish shall always constitute at least one ward, and the third parish shall constitute at least two wards, without any addition of territory to either.

Election, qualifications, and duties of wardens, clerks, and inspectors of elections.

SECT. 4. On the second Monday in March, annually, there shall be chosen by ballot in each of said wards, a warden, clerk, and three inspectors of elections, residents of the wards in which they are chosen, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall have been chosen in their places, and qualified to act.

To serve under oath, etc.

It shall be the duty of such warden to preside at all ward meetings, with the powers of moderator of town meetings. And if, at any meeting, the warden shall not be present, the clerk of such ward shall call the meeting to order, and preside until a warden *pro tempore* shall be chosen by ballot. And if, at any meeting, the clerk shall not be present, a clerk *pro tempore* shall be chosen by ballot. The clerk shall record all the proceedings and certify the votes given, and deliver over to his successor in office all such records and journals, together with all other documents and papers held by him in said capacity. It shall be the duty of the inspectors of elections to assist the warden in receiving, assorting, and counting the votes. And the warden, clerk, and inspectors, so chosen, shall respectively make oath or affirmation, faithfully and impartially to discharge their several duties, relative to all elections, which oath may be administered by the clerk of such ward to the warden, and by the warden to the clerk and inspectors, or by any justice of the peace for the county of Norfolk.

All warrants for meetings of the citizens for municipal purposes, to be held either in wards or in general meetings, shall be issued by the mayor and aldermen, and shall be in such form, and shall be served, executed, and returned in such manner, and at such times, as the city council may by any by-law direct.

Warrants for ward and city meetings.

SECT. 5. The mayor and eight aldermen, one alderman to be selected from each ward, shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city at large, voting in their respective wards, and three common councilmen shall be elected from and by the voters of each ward, and shall be residents of the wards in which they are elected: all said officers shall be chosen by ballot, and shall hold their offices for one year from the first Monday in April, and the mayor until another shall be elected and qualified in his place.

Election and term of office, of mayor, aldermen, and common councilmen.

SECT. 6. On the second Monday in March, annually, immediately after a warden, clerk, and inspectors shall have been elected and sworn, the qualified voters in each ward shall give in their votes for mayor, aldermen, and common councilmen, as provided in the preceding section; and all the votes so given shall be assorted, counted, declared, and registered in open ward meeting, by causing the names of persons voted for, and the number of votes given for each, to be written in the ward records in words at length.

Proceedings at meetings for elections.

The clerk of the ward, within twenty-four hours after such election, shall deliver to the persons elected members of the common council, certificates of their election, signed by the warden and clerk, and by a majority of the inspectors of elections, and shall deliver to the city clerk a copy of the records of such election, certified in like manner: *provided, however*, that if the choice of common councilmen cannot be conveniently effected on that day, the meeting may be adjourned, from time to time, to complete such election.

Certificates of election to members of common council.

Proviso.

The board of aldermen shall, as soon as may be convenient, examine the copies of the records of the several wards, certified as aforesaid, and shall cause the person who may have been elected mayor to be notified in writing of his election; but if it shall appear that no person has received a majority of all the votes, or if the person elected shall refuse to accept the office, the board shall issue their warrants for a new election, and the same proceedings shall be had as are hereinbefore provided, for the choice of mayor, and repeated, from time to time, until a mayor is chosen.

Notification to mayor.

In case of his decease, resignation, or absence of the mayor, or of his inability to perform the duties of his office, it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen and common council in convention, to elect a mayor for the time being, to serve until another is chosen, or until the occasion causing the vacancy is removed.

Proceedings in case of failure to elect a mayor.

Proceedings to supply vacancy in the office of mayor.

And, if it shall appear that the whole number of aldermen have not been elected, the same proceedings shall be had, as are hereinbefore provided for choice of mayor.

— and of aldermen.

Each alderman shall be notified in writing of his election, by the mayor and aldermen for the time being.

Notifications to aldermen.

The oath prescribed by this act shall be administered to the mayor by the city clerk, or any justice of the peace for the county of Norfolk.

Administration and record of oaths of office.

The aldermen and common councilmen elect shall, on the first Monday of April, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, meet in convention, when the oath required by this act shall be administered to the members of the two boards present, by the mayor, or by any justice of the peace for the county of Norfolk; and a certificate of such oath having been taken, shall be entered on the journal of the mayor and aldermen, and of the common council, by their respective clerks.

Whenever it shall appear that no mayor has been elected previously

Record, etc., in case of failure

to choose a mayor.

to the said first Monday in April, the mayor and aldermen for the time being shall make a record of that fact; an attested copy of which the city clerk shall read at the opening of the convention to be held as aforesaid.

Organization of common council.

After the oaths have been administered as aforesaid, the two boards shall separate; and the common council shall be organized by the choice of a president and a clerk, to hold their office during the pleasure of the common council, and to be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

Proceedings in case of absence of the mayor-elect at the time for organization.

In case of the absence of the mayor-elect, on the first Monday in April, the city government shall organize itself in the manner hereinbefore provided, and may proceed to business in the same manner as if the mayor were present; and the oath of office may be administered to the mayor at any time thereafter, in a convention of the two branches.

Mayor *pro tempore*.

In the absence of the mayor, the board of aldermen may choose a chairman *pro tempore*, who shall preside at joint meetings of the two boards.

Duties of each board as to records, rights to seats, and new elections.

Each board shall keep a record of its own proceedings, and judge of the elections of its own members; and in failure of election, or in cases of vacancy, may order new elections. And in case of any such vacancy, declared by either board, the mayor and aldermen shall order a new election.

Duties of mayor.

SECT. 7. The mayor, thus chosen and qualified, shall be the chief executive officer of said city. It shall be his duty to be vigilant in causing the laws and regulations of the city to be enforced, and to keep a general supervision over the conduct of all subordinate officers, with power to remove them for neglect of duty. He may call special meetings of the board of aldermen and common council, or either of them, when necessary in his opinion, by causing notices to be left at the places of residence of the several members; he shall communicate, from time to time, to both of them, such information, and recommend such measures, as, in his opinion, the interests of the city may require; he shall preside in the board of aldermen, and in convention of the two branches, but shall have only a casting vote.

Compensation.

The salary of mayor for the first year in which this charter shall take effect shall be six hundred dollars, and no more; his salary shall afterwards be fixed by the city council, but neither increased nor diminished during the year for which he is chosen, and he shall have no other compensation: *provided, however*, that the city council shall have power to appoint the mayor commissioner of highways, when in their opinion such an office is necessary, and allow him a suitable compensation therefor.

Mayor may be commissioner of highways.

Executive powers of selectmen transferred to mayor and aldermen.

SECT. 8. The executive power of said city generally, and the administration of police, with all the powers heretofore vested in the selectmen of Roxbury, shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen, as fully as if the same were heretofore specially enumerated.

Power of mayor, etc., in respect to appointments, removals,

The mayor and aldermen shall have full and exclusive power to appoint a constable and assistants, or a city marshal and assistants, with the powers and duties of constables, and all other police-officers; and the same to remove at pleasure.

— requiring bonds of constables.

And the mayor and aldermen may require any person appointed a constable of the city, to give bonds with such security as they may deem reasonable, before he enters upon the duties of his office, upon which bonds the like proceedings and remedies may be had, as are by law provided in case of constables' bonds taken by the selectmen of towns.

— and licenses.

And the mayor and aldermen shall have the same power to grant licenses to innholders, victuallers, and retailers within the city, which is possessed by the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston.

The city council shall, annually, as soon after their organization as may be convenient, elect, by joint ballot in convention, a treasurer and collector of taxes, a chief engineer, a city clerk, and three assessors of taxes, and fix their compensations. They shall also, in such manner as they shall determine, appoint or elect all other subordinate officers, for whose election or appointment other provision is not herein made, define their duties and fix their compensations.

City council to appoint certain officers.

All sittings of the common council shall be public; and all sittings of the mayor and aldermen shall also be public, when they are not engaged in executive business.

Sittings to be public, provided, etc.

The city council shall also take care that no moneys be paid from the treasury, unless granted or appropriated; shall secure a just and proper accountability by requiring bonds, with sufficient penalties and sureties, from all persons trusted with the receipt, custody, or disbursement of money; shall have the care and superintendence of the city buildings, with the power to let, or to sell whatever may be legally sold; and to purchase property, real or personal, in the name and for the use of the city, whenever its interests or convenience may, in their judgment require it. And the city council shall, as often as once a year, cause to be published, for the use of the inhabitants, a particular account of the receipts and expenditures, and a schedule of city property.

Safe-keeping, etc., of city property.

SECT. 9. In all cases in which appointments are directed to be made by the mayor and aldermen, the mayor shall have the exclusive power of nomination, such nomination, however, being subject to be confirmed or rejected by the board of aldermen: *provided, however*, that no person shall be eligible to any office of emolument, the salary of which is payable out of the city treasury, who, at the time of such appointment, shall be a member of the board of aldermen or of the common council.

Mayor to nominate, etc.

Proviso.

SECT. 10. The city clerk shall also be clerk of the board of aldermen and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. He shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the board of aldermen, and he shall perform all the duties, and exercise all the powers, by law incumbent upon, or vested in, the town clerk of the town of Roxbury; he shall be chosen for one year, and until another shall be chosen and qualified in his place, but may be at any time removed by the city council.

Duties of city clerk.

SECT. 11. The qualified voters of each ward, at their respective annual ward meetings for the choice of officers, shall elect, by ballot, one person in each ward to be an overseer of the poor, who shall be a resident of said ward; and the persons thus chosen, together with the mayor, shall constitute the board of overseers of the poor, and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties now by law appertaining to the overseers of the poor for the town of Roxbury.

Overseers of the poor.

The qualified voters shall, at the same time, and in the same manner, elect three persons from the city at large, and two persons from each ward, to be members of the school committee; and the persons thus chosen shall constitute the school committee, and have the care and superintendence of the public schools.

School committee.

The qualified voters shall, at the same time, and in like manner, elect one person in each ward to be an assistant assessor, who shall be a resident of said ward; and it shall be the duty of the persons so chosen to furnish the assessors with all the necessary information relative to persons and property taxable in their respective wards; and they shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duty.

Assistant assessors.

The persons to be chosen by the city council as assessors shall constitute the board of assessors, and shall exercise the powers and be subject to the duties and liabilities of assessors in towns.

Assessors.

Assessment,  
apportionment,  
and collection of  
taxes.

All taxes shall be assessed, apportioned, and collected in the manner prescribed by law relative to town taxes: *provided, however*, that it shall be lawful for the city council to establish further and additional provision for the collection thereof.

Proceedings to  
fill vacancies in  
said boards.

Should there fail to be a choice of overseers of the poor, members of the school committee, or assistant assessors, in any ward, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the city council in convention, in the same manner that is provided for filling vacancies in the senate of this commonwealth.

Powers of city  
council, and of  
mayor and  
aldermen, in  
respect to  
streets and  
ways.

SECT. 12. The city council shall have exclusive authority and power to lay out any new street or town way, and to estimate the damages any individual may sustain thereby; but all questions relating to the subject of laying out, accepting, altering, or discontinuing any street or way, shall first be acted upon by the mayor and aldermen. And any person dissatisfied with the decision of the city council in the estimate of damages, may make complaint to the county commissioners of the county of Norfolk, at any meeting held within one year after such decision, whereupon the same proceedings shall be had as are now provided by the laws of the commonwealth in cases when persons are aggrieved by the assessment of damages by selectmen, in the twenty-fourth chapter of the revised statutes.

Appeals for  
damages.

Health officers.

SECT. 13. All power and authority now by law vested in the board of health for the town of Roxbury, or in the selectmen of said town, shall be transferred to, and vested in the city council, to be carried into execution in such manner as the city council shall deem expedient.

Power of city  
council in re-  
spect to drains  
and common  
sewers.

SECT. 14. The city council shall have authority to cause drains and common sewers to be laid down through any streets or private lands, paying the owners such damage as they may sustain thereby; and to require all persons to pay a reasonable sum for the privilege of opening any drain into said public drain or common sewer.

— and to the  
inspection, etc.,  
of wood, etc.

And the city council may make by-laws, with suitable penalties, for the inspection, survey, measurement, and sale of lumber, wood, coal, and bark, brought into the city for sale.

Breaches of by-  
laws, etc., may  
be prosecuted  
before a justice  
of the peace, etc.

SECT. 15. All fines, forfeitures, and penalties, accruing for the breach of any by-law of the city of Roxbury, or of any of the ordinances of the city council, or of any of the orders of the mayor and aldermen, may be prosecuted for and recovered, before any justice of the peace in said city of Roxbury, by complaint or information, in the name of the commonwealth, in the same way and manner in which other criminal offences are now prosecuted before the justices of the peace within this commonwealth; reserving, however, in all cases, to the party complained of and prosecuted, the right of appeal to the court of common pleas, then next to be held in the county of Norfolk, from the judgment and sentence of any justice of the peace.

With right of  
appeal.

And the appeal shall be allowed on the same terms, and the proceedings be conducted therein in the same manner as provided in the one hundred and thirty-eighth chapter of the revised statutes of this commonwealth.

Form of  
complaint.

It shall be sufficient, in all such prosecutions, to set forth in the complaint, the offence fully, plainly, substantially, and formally; and it shall not be necessary to set forth such by-law, ordinance, or order, or any part thereof.

Fines, etc., pay-  
able to treasurer.

All fines, forfeitures, and penalties, so recovered and paid, shall be paid to the treasurer of the city of Roxbury, and shall enure to such uses as said city council shall direct.

Failure to pay  
fines, etc., for  
breach of by-  
laws, etc.,

When any person, upon any conviction before a justice of the peace, for any breach of any by-law of said city of Roxbury, or any of the ordinances of the city council, or any of the orders of the

mayor and aldermen, shall be sentenced to pay a fine, or ordered to pay any penalty or forfeiture, provided by any such by-law, ordinance, or order, or upon claiming an appeal, shall fail to recognize for his appearance at the court appealed to, and there to prosecute his appeal and to abide the sentence or order of the court thereon, and in the mean time to keep the peace and be of good behavior, and upon not paying the fine, penalty, or forfeiture, and costs so assessed upon him, he shall be committed to prison, there to remain until he or she shall pay such fine, forfeiture, or penalty and costs, or be otherwise discharged according to law.

punishable with imprisonment.

The provisions of this section shall also apply to all prosecutions founded on the by-laws or ordinances of the town of Roxbury, which may continue in force after this act shall go into operation.

Provisions of this section to be extended to by-laws, etc., of town.

SECT. 16. It shall be the duty of the city council annually, in the month of October, to meet in convention and determine the number of representatives to be elected by the city to the general court in such year, which shall be conclusive, and the number thus determined shall be specified in the warrant calling meetings for the election of representatives.

Duty of city council to determine number of representatives in general court.

SECT. 17. All elections for county, state, and United States officers, who are voted for by the people, shall be held at meetings of the citizens qualified to vote in such elections in their respective wards, at the time fixed by law for these elections respectively; and at such meetings all the votes, given for said several officers respectively, shall be assorted, counted, declared, and registered in open ward meeting, by causing the names of all persons voted for, and the number of votes given for each, to be written in the ward record in words at length. The ward clerk shall forthwith deliver to the city clerk a certified copy of the record of such elections. The city clerk shall forthwith record such returns, and the mayor and aldermen shall, within two days after every such election, examine and compare all said returns, and make out a certificate of the result of such elections, to be signed by the mayor and a majority of the aldermen, and also by the city clerk, which shall be transmitted or delivered in the same manner as similar returns are by law directed to be made by selectmen of towns. And in all elections for representatives to the general court, in case the whole number proposed to be elected shall not be chosen by a majority of the votes legally returned, the mayor and aldermen shall forthwith issue their warrant for a new election, conformably to the provisions of the constitution, and the laws of the commonwealth.

Proceedings at and after meetings for election of county, state, and federal officers.

SECT. 18. Prior to every election, the mayor and aldermen shall make out lists of all the citizens of each ward qualified to vote in such elections, in the manner in which the selectmen of towns are required to make out lists of voters; and for that purpose they shall have full access to the assessors' books and lists, and be entitled to the assistance of all assessors, assistant assessors, and city officers; and they shall deliver said lists, so prepared and corrected, to the clerks of said wards, to be used at such elections; and no person shall be entitled to vote whose name is not borne on such list.

Lists of voters.

SECT. 19. General meetings of the citizens qualified to vote, may, from time to time, be held, to consult upon the public good; to instruct their representatives, and to take all lawful measures to obtain redress for any grievances, according to the right secured to the people by the constitution of this commonwealth. And such meetings may and shall be duly warned, by the mayor and aldermen, upon the requisitions of fifty qualified voters.

Meetings of the citizens

SECT. 20. For the purpose of organizing the system of government hereby established, and putting the same into operation in the

First organization of city government.

first instance, the selectmen of the town of Roxbury for the time being, shall, on some day during the month of March or April of the present year, issue their warrants seven days at least previous to the day so appointed for calling meetings of the said citizens at such place and hour as they may deem expedient, for the purpose of choosing a warden, clerk, and inspectors for each ward, and all other officers whose election is provided for in the preceding sections of this act, and the transcripts of the records of each ward, specifying the votes given for the several officers aforesaid, certified by the warden and clerk of such ward at said first meeting, shall be returned to the said selectmen, whose duty it shall be to examine and compare the same; and in case said elections shall not be completed at the first meeting, then to issue new warrants until such elections shall be completed; and to give notice thereof in the manner hereinbefore provided, to the several persons elected. And at said first meeting, any inhabitant of said ward, being a legal voter, may call the citizens to order, and preside until a warden shall have been chosen. And at said first meeting, a list of voters in each ward, prepared and corrected by the selectmen for the time being, shall be delivered to the clerk of each ward, when elected, to be used as hereinbefore provided. And the selectmen shall appoint such time for the first meeting of the city council as they may judge proper, after the choice of city officers as aforesaid, or a majority of the members of both branches, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and shall also fix upon the place and the hour of said first meeting; and a written notice thereof shall be sent, by said selectmen, to the place of abode of each of the city officers chosen as provided in this section. And after this first election of city officers, and this first meeting for the organization of the city council, as in this section is provided, the day of holding the annual elections, and the day and hour for the meeting of the city council, for the purpose of organization, shall remain as provided in the sixth section of this act.

Subsequent organizations.

Appointment of city officers by city council.  
Votes for county officers.

It shall be the duty of the city council immediately after the first organization, to elect all necessary city officers, who shall hold their offices respectively until others are chosen and qualified. And at the meetings to be called, as prescribed in this section, for the choice of ward and city officers, the said inhabitants may, and shall also give in their votes for county officers, which votes shall be recorded, certified, and returned in the manner provided in the seventeenth section of this act.

Power of city council to make by-laws with penalties, etc.

SECT. 21. The city council shall have power to make all such salutary and needful by-laws, as towns, by the laws of this commonwealth, have power to make and establish, and to annex penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars, for the breach thereof, which by-laws shall take effect, and be in force, from and after the time therein respectively limited, without the sanction of any court or other authority whatever: *provided, however*, that all laws and regulations now in force in the town of Roxbury, shall, until they shall expire by their own limitation, or be revised or repealed by the city council, remain in force, and all fines and forfeitures for the breach of any by-law or ordinance shall be paid into the city treasury.

Proviso.

Annual town meetings suspended, etc., and town officers to hold over, etc.  
Proceedings in case of non-acceptance of this charter.

SECT. 22. The annual town meeting for the town of Roxbury, which by law is required to be held in the month of March or April, is hereby suspended; and all town officers now in office, shall hold their places until this act shall go into operation; and in case this charter shall not be accepted in the manner and form as hereinafter provided, then the selectmen shall issue their warrant according to law, for holding the annual town meeting of the inhabitants, in which all the proceedings shall be the same as if this act had not been passed.

SECT. 23. All officers of the town of Roxbury having the care and custody of any records, papers, or property, belonging to said town, shall deliver the same to the city clerk, within one week after his entering upon the duties of his office.

Delivery of records, etc., to city clerk.

SECT. 24. All such acts, and parts of acts, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent provisions.

SECT. 25. Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent the legislature from altering or amending the same, whenever they shall deem it expedient.

Legislature may alter and amend this act.

SECT. 26. This act shall be void, unless the inhabitants of the town of Roxbury, at a legal town meeting called for that purpose, shall, by a vote of a majority of the voters present, and voting thereon, by a written ballot, determine to adopt the same within twenty days from and after its passage.

Act to be void unless accepted by inhabitants.

SECT. 27. This act shall go into operation from and after its passage.

When to take effect.

March 12, 1846.

## 1847. — CHAPTER 29.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc.:*

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Charlestown shall continue to be a body politic and corporate, under the name of the city of Charlestown: and, as such, shall have, exercise, and enjoy, all the rights, immunities, powers, and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations, now incumbent upon, and appertaining to, said town as a municipal corporation.

Charlestown to be a city.

SECT. 2. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential, and municipal affairs of said city, with the government thereof, shall be vested in one principal officer, to be styled the mayor; one council of six, to be called the board of aldermen; and one council of eighteen, to be called the common council, which boards, in their joint capacity, shall be denominated the city council; and the members thereof shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices. A majority of each board shall constitute a quorum for doing business, and no member of either shall receive any compensation for his services.

Administration, etc., to be vested in a mayor, six aldermen, and eighteen common councilmen.

Boards to serve without compensation.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the selectmen of the town of Charlestown, as soon as may be after the passage of this act, and its acceptance by the inhabitants, as hereinafter provided, to divide said town into three wards, as nearly equal in number of inhabitants as may be consistent with convenience in other respects. And it shall be the duty of the city council, once in five years, to revise, and, if it be needful, to alter said wards, in such manner as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number of voters in each ward.

Selectmen to divide the town into three wards.

Arrangement thereof to be revised every five years by the city council.

SECT. 4. On the second Monday in March, annually, there shall be chosen by ballot, in each of said wards, a warden, clerk, and three inspectors of elections, who shall hold their offices for one year from the first Monday in April following said second Monday in March, and until others shall have been chosen in their places. And it shall be the duty of such warden to preside at all ward meetings, with the powers of moderator of town meetings. And if, at any meeting, the warden shall not be present, the clerk of such ward shall call the meeting to order, and preside until a warden, *pro tempore*, shall be chosen by ballot. And if at any meeting the clerk shall not be present, a clerk, *pro tempore*, shall be chosen by ballot. The clerk

Election, qualifications, and duties of warden.

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| —and inspectors of elections.  | shall record all the proceedings, and certify the votes given, and deliver over to his successors in office all such records and journals, together with all other documents and papers held by him in said capacity. And it shall be the duty of the inspectors of elections to assist the warden in receiving, assorting, and counting the votes.   |
| To serve under oath, etc.  | And the warden, clerk, and inspectors, so chosen, shall respectively make oath or affirmation faithfully and impartially to discharge their several duties relative to elections, which oath may be administered by the clerk of such ward to the warden, and by the warden to the clerk and inspectors, or by any justice of the peace for the county of Middlesex. And all warrants for meetings of the citizens for municipal purposes, to be held either in wards or in general meetings, shall be issued by the mayor and aldermen, and shall be in such form, and shall be served, executed, and returned in such manner, and at such times, as the city council may, by any by-law, direct.  |
| Warrants for ward and city meetings.   |   |
| Election, qualification, and term of office of mayor, aldermen, and common councilmen. | SECT. 5. The mayor and six aldermen, two aldermen to be selected from each ward, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the city at large, voting in their respective wards; and six common councilmen shall be elected from and by each ward, being residents of the wards in which they are elected: all said officers shall be chosen by ballot, and shall hold their offices for one year from the first Monday in April, and the mayor until another shall be elected and qualified in his place.  |
| Proceedings at meetings for elections.   | SECT. 6. On the second Monday in March, annually, the qualified voters in each ward shall give in their votes for mayor, aldermen, and common councilmen, warden, clerk, and inspectors, as provided in the preceding sections; and all the votes so given shall be assorted, counted, declared, and registered in open ward meeting, by causing the names of persons voted for, and the number of votes given for each, to be written in the ward records, in words, at length. The clerk of the ward, within twenty-four hours after such election, shall deliver to the persons elected warden, clerk, inspectors, and members of the common council, certificates of their election, signed by the warden and clerk, and a majority of the inspectors of elections, and shall deliver to the city clerk a copy of the records of such election, certified in like manner: <i>provided, however</i> , that if the choice of warden, clerk, inspectors, or common councilmen cannot be conveniently effected on that day, the meeting may be adjourned, from time to time, to complete such election. The board of aldermen shall, as soon as conveniently may be, examine the copies of the records of the several wards, certified as aforesaid, and shall cause the person who may have been elected mayor to be notified, in writing, of his election; but if it shall appear that no person has received a majority of all the votes, or if the person elected shall refuse to accept the office, the board shall issue their warrants for a new election, and the same proceedings shall be had as are hereinbefore described, for the choice of mayor, and repeated, from time to time, until a mayor is chosen. |
| Certificates of elections to members of common council.                                |   |
| Proviso.   |   |
| Notification to mayor.   |   |
| Proceedings in cases of failure to elect a mayor.                                      |   |
| Proceedings to supply vacancy in the office of mayor.                                  | In case of the decease, resignation, or absence of the mayor, or of his inability to perform the duties of his office, it shall be the duty of the board of aldermen and the common council, in convention, to order, by vote, an entry of that fact to be made in their records, and then to elect a mayor, for the time being, to serve until another is chosen, or until the occasion causing the vacancy is removed.  |
| —and of aldermen.  | And if it shall appear that the whole number of aldermen have not been elected, the same proceedings shall be had as are hereinbefore directed for choice of mayor. And each alderman shall be notified in writing of his election, by the mayor and aldermen for the time being.   |
| Notification to aldermen.  |   |
| Administration   | The oath prescribed by this act shall be administered to the mayor  |

by the city clerk, or any justice of the peace for the county of Middlesex. and record of oaths of office.

The aldermen and common councilmen elect shall, on the first Monday in April, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, meet in convention, when the oath required by this act shall be administered to the members of the two boards present, by the mayor, or by any justice of the peace for the county of Middlesex: and a certificate of such oath having been taken shall be entered on the journal of the mayor and aldermen, and of the common council, by their respective clerks.

And whenever it shall appear that no mayor has been elected previously to the said first Monday in April, the mayor and aldermen for the time being shall make a record of that fact, an attested copy of which the city clerk shall read at the opening of the convention to be held as aforesaid. Record, etc., in case of failure to choose a mayor.

After the oath has been administered as aforesaid, the two boards shall separate, and the common council shall be organized by the choice of a president and clerk, to hold their office during the pleasure of the common council, and to be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. Organization of common council.

In the case of the absence of the mayor-elect on the first Monday in April, the city government shall organize itself in the manner hereinbefore provided, and may proceed to business in the same manner as if the mayor were present; and the oath of office may be administered to the mayor at any time thereafter, in a convention of the two branches. Proceedings in case of absence of the mayor-elect at the time for organization.

In the absence of the mayor, the board of aldermen may choose a chairman, *pro tempore*, who shall preside at joint meetings of the two boards. Mayor pro tempore.

Each board shall keep a record of its own proceedings, and judge of the elections of its own members; and, in failure of election, or in cases of vacancy declared by either board, the mayor and aldermen shall order a new election. Duties of each board as to records, rights to seats, and new elections.

SECT. 7. The mayor, thus chosen and qualified, shall be the chief executive officer of the city. It shall be his duty to be vigilant in causing the laws and regulations of the city to be enforced, and to keep a general supervision over the conduct of all subordinate officers, with power to remove them for neglect of duty. He may call special meetings of the boards of aldermen and common council, or either of them, when necessary in his opinion, by causing notices to be left at the places of residence of the several members; he shall communicate, from time to time, to both of them, such information, and recommend such measures as, in his opinion, the interests of the city may require; he shall preside in the board of aldermen and in convention of the two branches, but shall have only a casting vote. Duties of mayor.

The salary of mayor, for the first year in which this charter shall take effect, shall be five hundred dollars, and no more; his salary shall afterwards be fixed by the city council, but neither increased nor diminished during the year for which he is chosen, and he shall have no other compensation: *provided, however*, that the city council shall have power to appoint the mayor commissioner of highways, when, in their opinion, such an office is necessary, and allow him a suitable compensation therefor. Compensation. Mayor may be commissioner of highways.

SECT. 8. The executive power of said city, generally, and the administration of police, with all the powers heretofore vested in the selectmen of Charlestown, shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen, as fully as if the same were herein specially enumerated. And all other powers now vested in the inhabitants of said town, as a municipal corporation, and all powers granted by this act, not herein otherwise provided for, shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen. Executive powers of selectmen transferred to mayor and aldermen, and powers of inhabitants transferred to mayor and aldermen and common council.

- and common council of said city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each board to have a negative upon the other.
- Power of mayor, etc., in respect to appointments and removals.** And the mayor and aldermen shall have full and exclusive power to appoint a constable and assistants, or a city marshal and assistants, with the powers and duties of constables, and all other police-officers; and the same to remove at pleasure.
- requiring bonds of constables.** And the mayor and aldermen may require any person, appointed a constable of the city, to give bonds, with such security as they may deem reasonable, before he enters upon the duties of his office, upon which bonds the like proceedings and remedies may be had as are by law provided in case of constables' bonds taken by the selectmen of towns.
- and licenses.** And the mayor and aldermen shall have the same power to grant licenses to innholders, victuallers, and retailers, within the city, which is possessed by the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston.
- City council to appoint certain officers.** The city council shall, annually, as soon after their organization as may be convenient, elect by joint ballot, in convention, a treasurer and collector of taxes, engineers of the fire department, a city clerk, three assessors of taxes, and fix their compensations. They shall also, in such manner as they shall determine, appoint or elect all other subordinate officers, not herein otherwise directed, define their duties, and fix their compensations.
- Sittings to be public, provided, etc.** All sittings of the common council shall be public, and all sittings of the mayor and aldermen, when they are not engaged in executive business.
- Safe-keeping, etc., of city property.** The city council shall take care that no moneys be paid from the treasury, unless granted or appropriated; shall secure a just and proper accountability, by requiring bonds, with sufficient penalties and sureties, from all persons trusted with the receipt, custody, or disbursement of money; shall have the care and superintendence of the city buildings, with the power to let or sell what may be legally sold; and to purchase property, real or personal, in the name and for the use of the city, whenever its interest or convenience may, in their judgment, require it. And the city council shall, as often as once in a year, cause to be published, for the use of the inhabitants, a particular account of the receipts and expenditures, and a schedule of city property.
- Mayor to nominate, etc.** **SECT. 9.** In all cases in which appointments are directed to be made by the mayor and aldermen, the mayor shall have the exclusive power of nomination, such nomination, however, being subject to be confirmed or rejected by the board of aldermen: *provided, however*, that no person shall be eligible to any office of emolument, the salary of which is payable out of the city treasury, who, at the time of such appointment, shall be a member of the board of aldermen or of the common council.
- Proviso.** **SECT. 10.** The city clerk shall be clerk of the board of aldermen, and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. He shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the board of aldermen; and he shall perform all the duties, and exercise all the powers, by law incumbent upon, or vested in, the town clerk of the town of Charlestown. He shall be chosen for one year, and until another shall be chosen and qualified in his place, but may be at any time removed by the city council.
- City clerk, duties of, etc.** **SECT. 11.** The citizens, at their respective annual ward meetings for the choice of officers, shall elect, by ballot, two persons in each ward, to be overseers of the poor; and the persons thus chosen, together with the mayor, shall constitute the board of overseers of the poor, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties, now by law appertaining to the overseers of the poor for the town of Charlestown.
- Overseers of the poor.**

And the citizens shall, at the same time and in the same manner, elect five persons from the city at large, and two persons from each ward, to be members of the school committee; and the persons thus chosen shall constitute the school committee, and have the care and superintendence of the public schools; and said school committee shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities, set forth in an act passed by the legislature of Massachusetts, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, entitled, "An act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the Trustees of Charlestown free schools," and all acts in addition thereto.

School committee.

1847, 258.

And the persons chosen by the city council as assessors shall constitute the board of assessors, and shall exercise the powers, and be subject to the duties and liabilities, of assessors in towns.

Assessors.

All taxes shall be assessed, apportioned, and collected, in the manner prescribed by law relative to town taxes: *provided, however*, that it shall be lawful for the city council to establish further additional provisions for the collection thereof.

Assessment, apportionment, and collection of taxes.

Should there fail to be a choice of overseers of the poor, or members of the school committee, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the city council in convention, in the same manner that is provided for filling vacancies in the senate of this commonwealth.

Vacancies.

SECT. 12. The city council shall have exclusive authority and power to lay out any new street or town way, and to estimate the damages any individual may sustain thereby; but all questions relating to the subject of laying out, accepting, altering, or discontinuing any street or way, shall be first acted upon by the mayor and aldermen. And any person dissatisfied with the decision of the city council, in the estimate of damages, may make complaint to the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex, at any meeting held within one year after such decision, whereupon the same proceedings shall be had as are now provided by the laws of this commonwealth in cases where persons are aggrieved by the assessment of damages by selectmen, in the twenty-fourth chapter of the revised statutes.

Streets and ways; powers of city council and mayor in respect to.

Appeals for damages.

SECT. 13. All power and authority now by law vested in the board of health for the town of Charlestown, or in the selectmen of said town, shall be transferred to, and vested in the city council, to be carried into execution in such manner as the city council shall deem expedient.

Health officers.

SECT. 14. The city council shall have authority to cause drains and common sewers to be laid down through any street or private lands, paying the owners such damage as they may sustain thereby; and to require all persons to pay a reasonable sum for the privilege of opening any drain into said public drain or common sewer.

Drains and common sewers.

And the city council may make by-laws, with suitable penalties, for the inspection, survey, measurement, and sale of lumber, wood, coal, and bark, brought into the city for sale.

Inspection of wood, etc.

SECT. 15. It shall be the duty of the city council, annually, in the month of October, to meet in convention and determine the number of representatives to be elected by the city to the general court, in such year, which shall be conclusive, and the number thus determined shall be specified in the warrant calling meetings for the election of representatives.

Duty of city council to determine number of representatives to general court, etc.

SECT. 16. All elections for county, state, and United States officers, who are voted for by the people, shall be held at meetings of the citizens qualified to vote in such elections in their respective wards, at the time fixed by law for these elections respectively; and, at such meetings, all the votes given for said several officers respectively shall be assorted, counted, declared, and registered in open

Proceedings at and after meetings for election of county, state, and federal officers.

ward meeting, by causing the names of all persons voted for, and the number of votes given for each, to be written in the ward record in words at length.

The ward clerk shall forthwith deliver to the city clerk a certified copy of the record of such elections. The city clerk shall forthwith record such returns; and the mayor and aldermen shall, within two days after every such election, examine and compare all said returns, and make out a certificate of the result of such elections, to be signed by the mayor and a majority of the aldermen, and also by the city clerk, which shall be transmitted or delivered in the same manner as similar returns are by law directed to be made by the selectmen of towns.

And in all elections for representatives to the general court, in case the whole number proposed to be elected shall not be chosen by a majority of the votes legally returned, the mayor and aldermen shall forthwith issue their warrant for a new election, conformably to the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the commonwealth.

**Lists of voters.**

SECT. 17. Prior to every election, the mayor and aldermen shall make out lists of all the citizens of each ward qualified to vote in such elections, in the same manner in which selectmen of towns are required to make out lists of voters; and for that purpose they shall have full access to the assessors' books and lists, and be entitled to the assistance of all assessors, assistant assessors, and city officers, and they shall deliver said lists, so prepared and corrected, to the clerks of said wards, to be used at such elections; and no person shall be entitled to vote whose name is not borne on such list.

**Meetings of the citizens.**

SECT. 18. General meetings of the citizens qualified to vote may, from time to time, be held, to consult upon the public good; to instruct their representatives; and to take all lawful measures to obtain redress for any grievances, according to the right secured to the people by the constitution of this commonwealth. And such meetings may and shall be duly warned, by the mayor and aldermen, upon the requisition of fifty qualified voters.

**First organization of city government.**

SECT. 19. For the purpose of organizing the system of government hereby established, and putting the same into operation in the first instance, the selectmen of the town of Charlestown, for the time being, shall, on some day during the months of March or April of the present year, issue their warrants seven days at least previous to the day appointed, calling meetings of the said citizens, at such place and hour as they may deem expedient, for the purpose of choosing a warden, clerk, and inspectors for each ward, and all other officers whose election is provided for in the preceding sections of this act; and said selectmen shall appoint, for this first meeting, a warden, clerk, and three inspectors of elections for each ward, which officers shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties; and the transcripts of the records of each ward, specifying the votes given for the several officers aforesaid, certified by the warden and clerk of such ward at said first meeting, shall be returned to the said selectmen, whose duty it shall be to examine and compare the same, and, in case said elections should not be completed at the first meeting, then to issue new warrants until such elections shall be completed; and to give notice thereof, in the manner hereinbefore directed, to the several persons elected. And at said first meeting, a list of voters in each ward, prepared and corrected by the selectmen for the time being, shall be delivered to the clerk of each ward, when appointed to be used as herein before directed. And the selectmen shall appoint such time for the first meeting of the city council, as they may judge proper, after the choice of city officers, as aforesaid, or a majority of the members of both branches, not later than the

first Monday in May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and shall also fix upon the place and the hour of said first meeting; and a written notice thereof shall be sent, by said selectmen, to the place of abode of each of the city officers chosen as provided in this section. And after this first election of city officers, and this first meeting for the organization of the city council, as in this section provided, the day of holding the annual elections, and the day and hour for the meeting of the city council, for the purpose of organization, shall remain as provided in the sixth section of this act.

Subsequent organizations.

And it shall be the duty of the city council, immediately after the first organization, to elect all necessary city officers, who shall hold their offices respectively until others are chosen and qualified. And at meetings to be called as prescribed in this section for the choice of ward and city officers, the said inhabitants may, and shall, also give in their votes for county officers, which votes shall be recorded, certified, and returned, in the manner provided in the sixteenth section of this act.

Appointment of city officers by city council.  
Votes for county officers.

SECT. 20. The city council shall have power to make all such salutary and needful by-laws, as towns, by the laws of this commonwealth, have power to make and establish, and to annex penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars, for the breach thereof, which by-laws shall take effect, and be in force, from and after the time therein respectively limited, without the sanction of any court, or other authority whatever: *provided, however*, that all laws and regulations now in force in the town of Charlestown, shall, until they shall expire by their own limitation, or be revised or repealed by the city council, remain in force, and all fines and forfeitures for the breach of any by-law, or ordinance, shall be paid into the city treasury.

Powers of city council to make by-laws, with penalties, etc.

Proviso.

SECT. 21. The annual town meeting for the town of Charlestown, which by law is to be held in the month of March, is hereby suspended, and all town officers now in office shall hold their places until this act shall go into operation; and in case this charter shall not be accepted in the manner and form as hereinafter provided, then the selectmen shall issue their warrant according to law, for holding the annual town meeting of the inhabitants, in which all the proceedings shall be the same as if this act had not been passed.

Annual town meeting suspended, etc., and town officers to hold over, etc.

Proceedings in case of non-acceptance of this charter.

SECT. 22. All officers of the town of Charlestown, having the care and custody of any records, papers, or property, belonging to the said town, shall deliver the same to the city clerk within one week after his entering upon the duties of his office.

Delivery of records, etc., to city clerk.

SECT. 23. All such acts and parts of acts, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent provisions.

SECT. 24. Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent the legislature from altering or amending the same, whenever they shall deem it expedient.

Legislature may alter and amend this act.

SECT. 25. This act shall be void, unless the inhabitants of the town of Charlestown, at a legal town meeting, called for that purpose, shall, by a vote of a majority of the voters present and voting thereon, by a written ballot, determine to adopt the same within twenty days from and after its passage, at which meeting the polls shall be kept open not less than six hours, and the presiding officer, in receiving said ballots, shall use the check-lists, in the same manner as they are used in elections.

Act to be void unless accepted by inhabitants.

SECT. 26. This act shall go into operation from and after its passage.

When to take effect.

February 22, 1847.

## 1851. — CHAPTER 250.

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF WEST ROXBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc. :***Boundaries.**

SECTION 1. That portion of the city of Roxbury lying south-westerly of a line commencing at a point in the line which divides the city of Roxbury from the town of Dorchester, which point is directly parallel to the last angle in Seaver street, before its intersection with the Brushhill turnpike; thence running from said point till it meets the north-easterly side of Seaver street; thence running in a north-westerly direction, and following the north-easterly line of Seaver street, until it strikes Walnut street; thence continuing across said Walnut street in the same general direction and following the north-easterly side of a new street recently laid out and which forms a continuation of said Seaver street, until it strikes the Norfolk and Bristol turnpike; and from the last named point, said point being the intersection of the said new street and the Norfolk and Bristol turnpike, the said line then running in a north-westerly direction and in a straight course, including the dwelling-house of Leonard Hyde, Esq., and twenty-five feet from the rear thereof, and thence continuing in the same straight course and direction until it strikes the line which separates the town of Brookline from the city of Roxbury, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of West Roxbury; and the inhabitants of the said town of West Roxbury are hereby invested with all the powers and privileges, and shall be subject to the duties and requisitions of other incorporated towns, according to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

**Name.****Powers and duties, etc.**

Shall pay arrears of taxes to Roxbury, and county and state taxes until next valuation, and proportion of debts of Roxbury.

**Proviso.**

City of Roxbury authorized to collect tax of current year, etc.

Roxbury to incur no further liability for West Roxbury.

Support of paupers.

In case of disagreement, court of common pleas to appoint referees, etc.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants of the said town of West Roxbury shall be holden to pay all arrears of taxes which have been assessed upon them by the city of Roxbury before the passing of this act, and also their proportion of all county and state taxes that may be assessed upon them previously to the taking of the next state valuation; such proportion to be ascertained and determined by the last city valuation; and the said town of West Roxbury shall be holden to pay their proportion of the debts due and owing at the time of the passage of this act, from the city of Roxbury, and shall be entitled to receive of the city of Roxbury their proportion of all the corporate property now owned by said city of Roxbury, such proportion to be ascertained by the last valuation of said city of Roxbury: *provided, however*, that the city of Roxbury shall be authorized to collect the tax which is assessed by virtue of law on the first day of May, this current year, upon the inhabitants and owners of property in said West Roxbury, and the said city of Roxbury after deducting the reasonable expenses of assessing and collecting the same, shall account with and pay over the same to the town treasurer of said West Roxbury; and the said city of Roxbury shall incur no liability for the said town of West Roxbury, after the passage of this act.

SECT. 3. The said city of Roxbury and the town of West Roxbury shall be respectively liable for the support of all persons who do now, or hereafter shall, stand in need of relief as paupers, whose settlement was gained or derived from a settlement gained or derived within their respective limits.

SECT. 4. In case the said city of Roxbury and town of West Roxbury shall disagree in respect to a division of paupers, city property, city debts, or state and county taxes, the court of common pleas for the county of Norfolk are hereby authorized to, and shall on application of said city of Roxbury or of said town of West Roxbury, appoint three disinterested persons to hear the parties and award thereon,

which award, when accepted by said court, shall be final. In the division of the city property, the Brook Farm and the land known as the Forest Hills cemetery shall be assigned to the said city of Roxbury, if desired by the city authorities, provided that the said city of Roxbury shall assume and discharge the debts created by the purchase of said farm and cemetery, and the incidents thereof; and the same shall be free from taxation so long as they shall be occupied for the purposes of a poor farm and a cemetery respectively.

Brook Farm and Forest Hills cemetery, how disposed of.

SECT. 5. The town of West Roxbury shall, for the purpose of electing the representatives to the general court, to which the territory now comprised in the city of Roxbury is now entitled, until the next decennial census, or until another apportionment of representatives be made, remain a part of the said city of Roxbury; and the inhabitants of said West Roxbury shall vote for the number of representatives which the authorities of the city of Roxbury may decide shall be elected annually in town meeting; and it shall be the duty of the selectmen of said West Roxbury to preside at said town meeting, and receive the votes, and the certificate thereof shall be made by the said selectmen, and certified by the town clerk of said West Roxbury, whose duty it shall be to make return thereof to the mayor and aldermen of the said city of Roxbury, within forty-eight hours of the day of voting, and the votes so returned shall be counted by the said mayor and aldermen, as a part of the vote of the said city of Roxbury.

West Roxbury to remain a part of Roxbury for election of representatives to general court till next census.

Selectmen of West Roxbury to preside, etc.

SECT. 6. Any justice of the peace in the county of Norfolk is hereby authorized to issue his warrant to any principal inhabitant of the town of West Roxbury, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of said town to meet, at the time and place therein appointed, for the purpose of choosing all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meetings.

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SECT. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

May 24, 1851.





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